

# MORNING WORSHIP

July 26, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. David Schelat

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, and  
armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are wonderful.

**People: The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.**

Leader: Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

**People: Make Your face shine upon Your servants.**

**All: We come together to worship the living God.**

+\*HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. We admit we need to begin again for we have fallen short of the glory of God. So we turn to God seeking a fresh start. With confidence that God hears our prayers, let us confess our sins.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust Your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for You, working out Your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be wholehearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of Your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear Your good news for the world here and now. Transform our lives and this world by Your grace. (Silent prayer of confession.) Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 136

The empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

Leader: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE 175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52, pew Bible pg. 890

SERMON

"Tiny Faith"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from The Barmen Declaration, 8.14-8.16

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is He also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to His creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through Him. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come to Me"  
Julia Charette, soprano

Dan Forrest

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**We give You thanks, O God, for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. As from even the smallest of seeds, Your kingdom grows. Bless our tithes, gifts and offerings, that we might be ever more faithful in Your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYDY NOS

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*O God Beyond All Praising*

arr. Rodney Abriol

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers.

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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