

MORNING WORSHIP

August 2, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Tenth 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

Amazing Grace

arr. John D. Peterson

CHORAL INTROIT

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 145 and Matthew 14:13-21

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love.

People: God hears the cries of the weary and welcomes all who seek hope.

Leader: Jesus saw the crowds and was moved with compassion. He healed the sick and fed the hungry.

People: Christ still invites us to come, bringing all that we have and all that we are.

Leader: God opens a generous hand and satisfies every living thing.

People: We come to worship the One whose love is never exhausted.

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord, whose mercy is from generation to generation.

People: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

When the disciples saw only scarcity, Jesus saw possibility. When they counted what was missing, Jesus blessed what was present. We, too, often live as though there is never enough—enough time, enough resources, enough hope, enough grace. Yet God's mercy is abundant and Christ invites us to bring even our smallest offerings. Trusting in God's love, let us confess our sins together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Generous God, You have given us more than we deserve, yet we often live with fearful hearts and closed hands. We focus on what we lack instead of trusting Your abundance. We pass by neighbors in need, convinced someone else will care for them. We hesitate to offer ourselves in Your service because what we have seems too small. Forgive us when we measure life by scarcity instead of grace. Fill us with compassion like that of Christ. Teach us to trust that You can take our ordinary gifts and use them in extraordinary ways. Feed us once again with Your mercy, that we may become bread for a hungry world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Based on Ephesians 2:4-8 and Matthew 14

Hear the good news! The God who fed the multitude with overflowing grace is the same God who meets us with mercy today. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made new, and we are invited to share God's abundant love with others.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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 14:13-21, pew Bible pg. 891

SERMON

"The Feeding"

Margo Fraga

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

David L. Mennicke

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous God, You have filled our lives with blessings beyond measure. Receive these gifts, and receive us as well. Take what we offer, multiply it according to Your purposes, and use it to feed hungry bodies, strengthen weary spirits, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Make us faithful stewards of Your abundance, sharing Your love with joy and generosity. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

*POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

arr. Charles Callahan

*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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