

MORNING WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twelfth 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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Alan Bullard

CHORAL INTROIT

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MCKEE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
that Your way may be known upon earth, and Your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge all people with equity and
guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the people praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let the ends of the earth revere You O God.

+*HYMN 401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 11:32

The apostle Paul says that we are "imprisoned in disobedience," but that God is merciful to all. We live amid the tension of knowing the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing we need to be forgiven. We also live amid the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Romans 11, Isaiah 56

Leader: Merciful God, Your world cries out.

People: The fruits of our disobedience are harming Your creation.

Leader: You tasked us to be good stewards of Your creation and we have fallen short.

People: You challenged us to love God and our neighbor, but we have failed to show that love.

Leader: You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on Your holy mountain.

People: We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord.

Leader: Empower us with a spirit of love for You and love for all our neighbors.

Help us live lives of service to You so all Your children will know Your peace.

**People: Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform Your world,
leading us to Your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 11:29

Paul writes: "I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*SUNG RESPONSE 835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CLOSER WALK

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 15:21-28, pew Bible p. 893

SERMON

“Even the Dogs Eat Crumbs”

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace”

Marianne Forman

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Isaiah 56:7

We dedicate our hearts, our prayers, and our lives to You today. As we now bring our tithes and offerings, we dedicate these resources with the same humble and expectant faith. We trust that even our smallest gifts, placed in Your hands, can be multiplied by Your grace to nourish others and advance Your kingdom. Increase our faith, expand our vision of Your goodness, and let us witness Your healing power at work in our world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 539

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“O for a World”

AZMON

*POSTLUDE

Toccata all'Offertorio

Domenico Zipoli

*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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