

MORNING WORSHIP

August 23, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Thirteenth 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

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ for the World We Sing"

ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

People: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

**People: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in You.
Our hearts, minds and souls belong to You!**

Leader: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for Your steadfast love!

+*HYMN 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*CALL TO CONFESSION

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before You with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear Your Spirit fully.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out Your voice as You call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of Your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of Your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear Your voice. Inspire us to greater love for You and for one another. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

based on Isaiah 51:4 and Matthew 16:19

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me. Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom." We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

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 16:13-20, pew Bible pg. 893

SERMON

"Keys to the Kingdom"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. James Hopkins

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from You and today we hear Your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with Your beloved community. May these gifts bring Your light, love and hope to all who need them. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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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