

MORNING WORSHIP

September 6, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifteenth 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 *Morning has Broken* arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119:33-40

Leader: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Turn my heart to Your decrees; in Your righteousness be gracious to me.

+*HYMN 619 "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

As we worship God, let us take time to honestly name the ways we have fallen short, collectively and individually. Trusting in the gracious mercy of our Lord, let us confess together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than the growth and work we are called to. We've made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon Your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that You are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as You see them; help us to see You with faith and trust. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Exodus 34:6, Ezekial 33:11

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, calling all to turn from sin and live.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 693 "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

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 18:15-20, pew Bible pg. 895

SERMON

"Easier Said Than Done"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as a reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from one another. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to God's call.

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

"O Lux Beatissima"

Howard Helvey

*Translation: O Light most blessed
Fill the inmost hear of all Thy faithful.
Without Your grace, there is nothing in us,
Nothing that is not harmful.*

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all You have offered us. We give because You gave.
We love because You first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them for Your
reconciling work in the world. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

MC KEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is our God

arr. John Leavitt

*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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