

MORNING WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Sixteenth 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 AND INTROIT "When in Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Matthew Machemer
Eric Millard, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ and Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 8

Leader: O Lord, how majestic is Your name throughout the earth!
You made Your glory higher than heaven.

Children, Youth, Parents: From the mouths of children You have laid a strong foundation.

Leader: When I look up at Your skies, at what Your fingers made— the moon and the stars that
You set firmly in place— what are human beings that You think about them;

People: Who are we that You pay attention to us?

Leader: You've made us only slightly less than divine, crowning humanity with glory and grandeur.

People: You've allowed us to rule over Your handiwork, putting everything under our feet.

**Children, Youth, Parents: All sheep and cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky,
the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.**

All: O Lord, how majestic is Your name throughout the earth!

+*HYMN 15 (v.1,2,3,6)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Creation sings praises to God, and we join their chorus. But at times creation has a different song to sing.
Sometimes creation groans. Yes, our world belongs to God but from the very beginning, instead of living by the
Creator's Word, we often choose our own ways, ignoring God's invitation to care for God's creation.
We see the effects of this sin in our treatment of God's good world, and so we confess.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Creator God, we lament our abuse of creation has brought lasting damage to the world we have been
given: polluting streams and soil, poisoning the air, altering the climate, and damaging the earth. Instead
of taking action, we point fingers and argue about why Your good world is changing. Sustainer God,
forgive us for our part, however small. Forgive us for being confused by what we hear. Forgive us for
prioritizing our own convenience while assuming there is very little we can do. This is Your good world,
show us clear paths forward in our care for this earth, so we might collectively honor all God's creatures
and protect them from suffering and extinction, for our world belongs to You. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:15-20

Through Christ, God is reconciling all things, on earth and in heaven, making peace through the cross. This is
the grace in which we stand: what sin has divided, Christ is making whole; what we have broken, God is
reconciling; what has wandered from God is being gathered home. In Jesus Christ, we are restored to God and
to one another, and drawn again into the goodness of God's creation.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 22 (v. 1,2,3,6)

"God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

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

Genesis 1, selected verses, pew Bible pg. 1

SERMON

"Did God Make Dinosaurs?"

Lori Archer Raible

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

(The sacrament will be shared by the method of intinction. As the ushers direct you down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, then dip the bread into the cup. After communing, return to your pew by the side aisle. If preferred, please raise your hand and you will be served in your pew. All bread is gluten free.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Nine Pieces for Trumpet and Organ or Piano: No. 1
Eric Millard, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

Jean Langlais

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Morning Trumpet"
Eric Millard, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ and Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of every question and wonder, You have given us more than we could ever earn and loved us more than we could ever understand. Receive these gifts of our money, time, and talent, and use it to help Your people grow in faith and love. Teach us to trust You when the answers are clear and even more when they are not, until our lives become an offering and our questions lead to deeper faith in You. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 20

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Divertimento
Eric Millard, piccolo trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

James Stephenson

*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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