

MORNING WORSHIP

September 20, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Seventeenth 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:1-18

Leader: The God whom no one has ever seen has chosen to be known.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

Leader: The God who spoke creation into being has come among us, full of grace and truth.

People: In Christ, we have seen God's glory.

Leader: The light shines in the darkness; the life of God is the light of all people.

Come, let us receive grace upon grace.

All: Come, let us worship the God made known in Jesus Christ.

+*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

JOHN 1

God has not left us alone in the dark. In the silence, God still speaks.

In our darkness, God's light still shines. When we lose our way, God's Word calls us home.

Trusting in the steadfast love of God, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

1 Kings 19

Holy God, in times of trouble we are so quick to give up on You. Sometimes we blame You, assuming You have left us in the dark or even caused our suffering. With our heads down, we take matters into our own hands. We become too busy and forlorn to pay attention to Your signs of light and love, too doubtful to trust Your Holy Word. Forgive us when we are distracted by the noise and chaos of our lives and fail to listen for Your voice in the silence. When fear speaks louder than love, when our own way seems easier than Yours, open our eyes to the light that shines in the darkness; quiet us enough to hear Your voice, turn our hearts back to You, that we might walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 119

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." God does not leave us to find our way alone.

In Christ, the light of God has come among us, full of grace and truth. By that grace we are forgiven, by that light we are found.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 452

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

OPEN THE EYES

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

1 Kings 19:1-15, pew Bible p.322

SERMON

"Why Can't I See God"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Adapted from The Barmen Declaration and John 1

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word who was in the beginning with God,
through whom all things came into being.

People: In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Leader: We confess that Jesus Christ, as He is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God
whom we are to hear, and whom we are to trust and obey in life and in death.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

Leader: No one has ever seen God; God is made known to us in Jesus Christ.

People: From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 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

"I See You God"

Mark Burrows

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of 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 time, talent, and treasure and multiply them to reveal Your power and grace to the world. Help us to trust You when the path is visible, and even more when it is not, until our lives become an offering and our questions lead to deeper faith in You. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

arr. Joshua Evanovich

*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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