

MORNING WORSHIP

October 4, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Nineteenth 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

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all you nations!

People: Extol Him, all you peoples!

Leader: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

People: Praise the Lord!

+*HYMN 526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, we are proud of the ways You make us unique and take comfort in the ways we are alike. But too often, we draw lines that connect us to some people, which exclude or harm others. Help us to see Your image in every other person, offering invitation and compassion. By Your spirit, make us people who include others and celebrate Your image in everyone. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Acts 6:1-7, pew Bible pg. 996

SERMON

"In God's Image"

Brian Daoust

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

"The Beauty of This Sacred Place"

arr. James Biery

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Zach Houston

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Doris Nelson

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord, take our gifts that we offer today and use them to help where they are most needed. Trusting that each one of us is made in Your image and an important part of the body of Christ, use our resources to lift the fallen, heal the broken, restore the refugee, and to offer justice to the oppressed. In the name of the redeemer and reconciler who shows us the way, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 733

"We All Are One in Mission" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*POSTLUDE

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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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