MORNING WORSHIP

November 8, 2026 Half past Ten O' Clock

Twenty-Fourth 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 *The Gift to be Simple* arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT "God of Grace, and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters! You who have no money, come, buy and eat!
People: We come to receive what we could never earn, the abundant gifts of God's grace.
Leader: Why spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen and come to the Lord, that you may live.
People: We come hungry for the bread of life, thirsty for the mercy of God.
Leader: Seek the Lord while God may be found; call upon God who is near.
People: For our God is merciful, and God's forgiveness knows no bounds.
Leader: God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are God's ways our ways.
People: As the heavens are higher than the earth, so great is God's mercy, so wondrous is God's grace.
Leader: Come, all who are thirsty and weary. Come, for the gifts of God are freely given.
People: With grateful hearts, we worship the God of abundant grace!

*OPENING HYMN 336 "We Gather Together" KREMSER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, You are gracious and slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Yet we are often slow to trust in Your mercy. Instead we measure ourselves by what we have done, earned, or believe we deserve. We hold on to old grievances, withhold forgiveness, and forget how freely You have forgiven us. Forgive us when we live as though Your love must be earned, or Your grace has limits. Remind us You do not deal with us according to our sins, but according to Your compassion (silent prayers).

Leader: Turn our hearts again toward You, that we may be liberated to extend that same grace to others. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:8-13

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" CHILDREN PRAYING
(repeat three times)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 Ephesians 2:4-10, pew Bible p. 1064

SERMON "But It's Not FAIR...(that God Forgives Bad People)?!?" Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FATH (Unison) The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

Leader: What is thy only comfort in life and death?

All: **That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who, with His precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all [powers of evil]; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly God, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, and therefore, by the Holy Spirit, God also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give 704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "All Praise to Thee, My God This Night" TALLIS' CANON

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, all we have and all we are comes from You. Your generosity is beyond measure. Your mercy is beyond understanding. Your grace greater than anything we could ever earn or deserve. Bless these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. May they bear witness to Your grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULLNESS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "God Is So Good" GOD IS SO GOOD

POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress is our God* arr. Wilbur Held

*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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