

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Twenty-third 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

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

arr. Anna Page

INTROIT

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 100

Leader: Look! A great multitude that no one could count, from every nation,  
from all tribes, people and languages, standing before the throne and the lamb!

**People: With one voice, we cry out: Salvation belongs to our God and to the lamb!**

Leader: And the angels fell face down before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

**People: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power  
and might be to our God forever and ever.**

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away.

**People: See! The home of God is among us! God will dwell with us and we will be God's people.**

Leader: God will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

**People: See! God is making all things new!**

Leader: We remember the saints of every time and place who have shown us the love of God.  
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**All: Let us worship God with joy!**

+\* HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Eternal God, You have gathered us into a communion of saints, bound by Your love. Yet, we often live as though we walk alone. We shirk the inheritance of our faith. Believing the myth of loneliness, we assume we are not worthy of true belonging. We often neglect the faith we are called to nurture in those who come after us, prioritizing our comfort in solitude over the work of community. We are quick to fear the shadows and slow to trust Your presence. We cling to what we know, even when You call us to follow You into something new. Forgive us, O God. Restore our souls and remind us that neither life nor death can separate us from Your love. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Hear the good news that has been proclaimed to us, which we have received, in which we stand, and through which we are being saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day, according to the scriptures.

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE 250

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

PROMISE

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SERMON

"What Happens When We Die?"

Lori Archer Raible

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE and THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise. With Isaiah the prophet, we give You thanks-  
For the promise of Your heavenly banquet, a feast of rich food and well-aged wine;  
for the strength of Your steadfast love, destroying the shroud of sin and shame;  
for the gift of Your saving grace, our long-awaited day of deliverance.  
Therefore, we rejoice in You, singing with the saints of every age.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

**People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(During the prayers after each name is called, please proclaim our communion with the saints by responding.)*

**"Here with us! Alleluia!"**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

*Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison. All bread is gluten free.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Come to the Table of Grace"

TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Good Shepherd, You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. You guide us through uncertainty and walk beside us in the darkest valleys. Even when we are afraid, Your goodness and mercy never leave us. Your love reaches beyond the valley of the shadow of death. For all the saints who have gone before us, for the inheritance of our faith, and this church entrusted to our care, thank You. Receive these gifts and multiply them in support of Your purpose for generations to come. May all we encounter know the goodness and mercy of Your abiding love. Through Christ, our risen Lord, Amen.**

\*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

\*POSTLUDE

*Let All Creation Dance*

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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