MORNING WORSHIP

February 26, 2023 Half past Ten O' Clock

First Sunday in Lent

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 Lori Archer Raible

MINUTE FOR MISSION Lucas Halstead, Cassidy Wolf

PRELUDE The Gift of Love arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT O Sacred Head Now Wounded arr. B. C. Dockery

Ben Muldrew, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

OPENING PRAYER Hank Thrasher

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46 Hugh Brown

Leader: Be still and know that I am God.

People: I am exalted among the nations.

Leader: I am exalted in the earth

People: the Lord of Host is with us.

Leader: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*HYMN 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

*CALL TO CONFESSION Caroline Yurkutat

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Sarah Pineno

Almighty God, You have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share Your love with those around us. We have failed Your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that You offer us freely, for rejecting the work of Your Holy Spirit in our hearts. Amen.

Sarah Pineno

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name.

God still places God's Spirit upon us.

People: We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Hunter Fitzgerald, Brady Ellis, Hank Thrasher

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, pew Bible, pg. 604 Elizabeth Long

SERMON "The Stories We Don't Tell - Change Is Hard"

Althea Muldrew, Drayton Thrasher

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" THE SERVANT SONG

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Margo Fraga

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Margo Fraga

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND THE CUP

To receive the bread and the cup – process down the center aisle, take a piece of bread; dip the bread in the cup, and return to your pew by the outside aisles. If for any reason you prefer not to come forward, please raise your hand and the Elders will be glad to serve you in your pew. If you would like gluten free elements, please go to the server nearest the pulpit side and indicate your preference to the Elder.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Du bist die Ruh" Caroline Yurkutat, soprano; Gay Pappin, piano Franz Schubert

Translation: You are repose and gentle peace. You are longing and what stills it. Full of joy and grief I consecrate to you my eyes and my heart as a dwelling place. Come in to me and softly close the gate behind you. Drive all other grief from my breast. Let my heart be full of your joy. The temple of my eyes is lit by your radiance alone: O, fill it wholly!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sara Howard

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Joe Raible

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Turn, Turn, Turn Zachary Pineno, piano

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Pete Halstead

Gracious God, we dedicate to You our offerings and gifts and time. We will never be able to thank You enough for giving us Your one and only son, Jesus Christ who sacrificed His life for our sins. Thank You O God, for gifting us with our church family and giving us a place to belong. Bless this offering and use it as a sign of love and affection to care and nurture Your children everywhere. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SAPC Seniors

POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from *Cello Sonata in C major, Op. 40 No.1*AG Yurkutat, cello

Jean-Baptiste Bréval

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

Youth Bulletin Cover Art: Althea Muldrew

Youth Worship Leaders:

Hugh Brown, Brady Ellis, Hunter Fitzgerald, Lucas Halstead, Pete Halstead, Sara Howard, Sutton Howard, Elizabeth Long, Ella Mills, Jack Mills, Althea Muldrew, Ben Muldrew, Sarah Pineno, Zachary Pineno, Joe Raible, Drayton Thrasher, Cassidy Wolf, AG Yurkutat, Caroline Yurkutat

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.

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