

MORNING WORSHIP

March 19, 2023

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourth 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

PRELUDE *Prelude on When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Neil Harmon

CHORAL INTROIT "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Ephesians 5

Leader: Sleeper, awake!

People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Leader: For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord.

People: So, we live as people of light!

Leader: Be filled with the Spirit,

People: We come to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Leader: Sing and make melody to the Lord in your hearts.

People: Let us give thanks to God at all times.

All: We come to give thanks for everything in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

+*HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we are people who love to dwell in dark places, rather than light.

We keep secrets and dole out shame. We flaunt virtue but throw shade. We see ourselves as blameless but judge others. We do not stand firmly with those who are vulnerable, but step back protecting ourselves. We do not see those who are forced to live in the shadows, and we are blind to our own privilege. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into Your light that we may see ourselves rightly and live more fruitful lives. Wake us up from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with Your grace. We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 649 (verses 1, 3, 5) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Bowman building.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23 KJV

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

“Beati quorum via”

Charles W. Stanford

Translation: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of God.

Psalm 119:1

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight, and we give You thanks. Stay with us, shepherding us through the days to come. Lead us into pleasant places and give us the provisions we will need to shine Your light on the shadows of injustice, hate, and greed. As our cup overflows, help us to recognize it is filled with Your goodness and mercy. We dedicate these gifts of our time, talent and treasure to Your Glory. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

POSTLUDE

Postlude on The Lamb

arr. Neil Harmon

*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.

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