

MORNING WORSHIP

November 12, 2017

Half past Ten O'Clock

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

*When the music 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Homelessness and Mission Christmas Tree

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. John Leavitt

INTROIT

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

*CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Leader: Since it is by God's mercy we are engaged in this ministry,

Congregation: We do not lose heart.

Leader: We come to renounce the shameful things we hide,

Congregation: We refuse to falsify God's word. By open truth, we commend ourselves to every person's conscience in the sight of God.

Leader: We do not proclaim ourselves,

Congregation: We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as slaves for Jesus' sake.

Leader: For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"

Congregation: God shines in our hearts so that we can share the light of Jesus Christ with the world.

+*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Psalm 22 (inspired by Psalm 22:1, Habakkuk 1: 1-4) Rev. John Harvey

Living God, we come to You now, in wonder. We have heard of Your works; as Creator, Upholder, In-dweller, and Lover of all. We have known You in our own times, in our own lives, in the lives of our neighbors. It is right for us to be silent, and to offer thanks. But, we also come to You in anger and despair. We look out, and see children dying of hunger, see nations torn apart by war, see greed and corruption blighting the lives of millions. We look within, and see our complicity in much of this, see our compromised lives, see our broken hearts, our broken promises; and before the mystery of evil rampant and injustice unpunished, we ask, "Where were You, God, when all this went so wrong?"; hear us as we lift our voices to You and cry "O God, why have You abandoned us?" In silence, then, before the mystery both of Your presence and of Your absence, we confess our sin and we wait upon You now. (silent prayers)
Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 22:25-26

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR VIRGINIA LEE SHARPE

Kris Phillips, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Virginia Lee Sharpe is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Virginia to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Grant and Alyssa as they nurture Virginia and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Virginia into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.

*HYMN

I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

**When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.
Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 7 (selected verses), pew Bible p. 997

SERMON

"To Sacrifice"

Lori Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Surrender All

arr. by Moses Hogan

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

2 Corinthians 4:7-16

Holy God, we have been reminded that our bodies are like clay jars holding a treasure. Extraordinary power belongs to You and not us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. We carry the death of Jesus within us, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible. We believe and so we speak out, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us. Yes, everything is for God's sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. Therefore, may these gifts be multiplied for God's purposes and we express God's Kingdom to the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 355

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All our God

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

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) reaffirmation 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 away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about 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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