

MORNING WORSHIP

January 14, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday after Epiphany

*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 WORLD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rise Against Hunger

PRELUDE

Reflections on "E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we proclaim wonderful news, news of hope; the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Congregation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight,

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Congregation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

Leader: Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you.

Congregation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

Leader: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Congregation: The ransomed shall return with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

+*HYMN 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Leader: Holy God, we confess to wanting more of You in our lives, without the discipline and pain of preparing to receive You.

Congregation: Forgive our evasions and cowardice.

Leader: We confess to getting sucked in by the false prophets of our day, who offer us easy discipleship and cheap grace;

Congregation: Forgive our preference for substitutes. They never deliver what they promise.

Leader: We confess to fooling ourselves, that many of our rough ways and crooked paths are better and more efficient. We justify our wanderings because we can navigate them according to our personal whims as we walk alone.

Congregation: As we turn back toward Your path, Your way, forgive our excuses and defiance.

(Silent Prayers)

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deuteronomy 31:6, John 14:6

Be strong and courageous. Have no fear or dread, it is the Lord your God, who goes with you along the way. He will not fail or forsake you.' For Christ said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 492 (verse 2)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

Mark 1:1-11, pew Bible, p. 910

SERMON

"The Christian Way"

Lori Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Through the power of Your Spirit, bless these gifts that they might be used to the glory of Your Name.

Seal us in our baptismal vows and put us to faithful work. We hope to serve You and enjoy You forever, and in unity we strive to exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. This we pray in Your abundant name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Arise, Your Light is Come!

FESTAL SONG

*POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

J. S. Bach

*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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