

MORNING WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

Third Sunday of Easter

*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

EXTENDED MINUTE FOR MISSION Andrew McLellan and Kris Phillips, Renovations and Anniversary Fund

PRELUDE *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT *Celebrate with Joy and Singing* EVELYN CHAPEL

*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from 1 John 3:1-7

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia!

+*HYMN OF PRAISE 104 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY

*LITANY OF CONFESSION Walter Brueggemann

Leader: We begin the new week toward You, from Whom no secret can be hid.

People: We have had a night, and a weekend, and a lifetime of secrets.

Leader: We have stored the usual list of secrets, of acres of guilt unforgiven, of desires too rich to utter.

People: Beyond that, we have a secret list of hurts, from ancient days with parents and siblings, from assorted bullies at playschool and in adult life;

Leader: some of us overly sensitive, all of us grown protective and capable of self-pity.

People: Beyond that, we have a secret list of hopes, some selfish and some noble, hopes of new freedom and new reconciliation, of new security and new recognition, of doing well and being well.

Leader: We have so much to keep hidden. And You know—

People: You know because You made us and have watched us from the beginning; You know because You see us in our waking and our sleeping; You know because You love us right through, beyond all of our covert capacity.

Leader: And we yearn to be known—fully, without reserve by You: So we ask on this day,

People: courage to match Your love, honesty to match Your generosity, self-awareness to speak into Your awareness of us. That by the time the sun sets, we will have rent the curtain of our lives, and let You into the center of it all, there to abide in holy forgiveness. We pray through Your spirit of all truth that our truth opened to Your mercy may make us free.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are Forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 4:1-8, pew Bible, p. 480

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

People: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

Leader: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for Himself; the LORD hears when I call to Him.

People: When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah

Leader: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

People: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of Your face shine on us, O LORD!"

Leader: You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

People: I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

SERMON

"Put Your Trust in the Lord"

Mary Bowman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

arr. Moses Hogan

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Anonymous from Scotland

I am bending my knee

In the eye of the Father who created me,

In the eye of the Son who purchased me,

In the eye of the Spirit who cleansed me,

In friendship and affection.

Through Thine own Anointed One, O God,

Bestow upon us fullness in our need,

Love towards God,

The affection of God,

The smile of God,

The wisdom of God,

The grace of God,

The fear of God,
 And the will of God
 To do on the world of the Three,
 As angels and saints
 Do in heaven;
 Each shade and light,
 Each day and night,
 Each time in kindness,
 Give Thou us Thy Spirit.
 Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ is Alive

*POSTLUDE

Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

arr. Paul Manz

*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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