

# MORNING WORSHIP

October 21, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Twenty-Second 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

PRELUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison) Micah 6:8, Acts 2:46

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

**All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

Leader: God is with us in all we do, so we gather to give thanks.

**All: With glad and generous hearts, we act, we love, and we walk.**

Leader: But first, let us worship God!

+\* HYMN (Insert) *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved Thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget. And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against You. But Thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know Your will. Give us the courage to do Your will. Give us the devotion to love Your will. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE *Though I May Speak* THE GIFT OF LOVE

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.**

## 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

Luke 4:16-20, 21-30 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 936

SERMON

"Today"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Dick Metzler

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Awake, Awake to Love and Work*

J. Wyeth

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: O God, who has created Your children to be free, we attest in word and deed that You are our God and we are Your people. From our earliest days You have called us forth from the self-centered bondage of comfort, complacency, and complaint, to redeeming action for justice everywhere in the world.

**All: You are our freeing God, and we would be Your free and freeing people.**

Leader: O God of the Burning Bush, of Prophets and Jesus, we hear Your call. At every turn we hear Your voice in the cries of the poor, the hungry, the imprisoned, and the broken. You made Yourself one with those who seek justice, freedom, and peace. We share a vision, a promise, and a yearning for the day of Your reign.

**All: You are our servant God, and we would be Your serving people.**

Leader: O God, search our hearts and reveal all the ways that we contribute to injustice and sustain the oppression of others. Give us deep courage to find the true path of Your way. We have heard Your calling. Hear us now as we make our pledge.

**All: You are our God and we are Your people. In a relentless pursuit of the living justice which transforms humanity, we recommit our lives to Your will for justice, pledging ourselves, funds, and actions with glad and generous hearts. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 563

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*All Who Love and Serve Your City*

CHARLESTOWN

\*POSTLUDE

*God of Grace, and God of Glory*

arr. Wilbur Held

(\*) Those who are able, please stand

+\*) Ushers will seat 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.

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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