

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 18, 2018

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Twenty-Sixth 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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. John Leavitt

INTROIT

Joshua Coleman, baritone

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Psalm 65

Leader: O God of salvation; You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and farthest seas.

**People: Praise is due to You, O God; You answer prayer.**

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us;

**People: You forgive our transgressions.**

Leader: You established the mountains and silence the roaring of the seas;  
their waves and the tumult of the peoples.

**People: You make the gateways of the morning and evening shout for joy.**

Leader: You visit the earth and water it. You provide the people with the grain You have prepared.

**People: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

Leader: You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

**People: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows  
clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing  
together for joy.**

Leader: Let us join all the earth in praise!

+\* HYMN 555

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

John Birch and Langston Hughes

Leader: Gather up in the arms of Your pity- the sick, the depraved, the desperate, the tired-  
All the forgotten and ignored of our weary city.

**People: You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it. A world to feed us, and so many  
go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think  
only of ourselves.**

Leader: Gather up in the arms of Your pity-

Gather up in the arms of Your love- those who expect no love from above.

**People: Forgive us, gracious God, for those times Your heart is saddened by our selfishness.**

**For those times we have no thought or care for others. Enable us to see this world as a gift, to  
be shared, and those who live upon it to be loved. May Your name be glorified, through the  
beauty of this world, and the service of our lives. Gather us up in Your arms of mercy. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES – Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students Kim Lee  
*It is our tradition here at SAPC to present our third graders with Bibles. In this exciting time for our community of faith, we congratulate these young people and their families at this important step in their faith journey.*

### Litany

Leader: We give you these Bibles praying you will read and rely on God's promises revealed in Scripture. Third graders, let us pray together:

**Third Graders:** Dear God, as we read and study our Bibles, by Your Spirit help us to learn about Your love for us in Jesus Christ. Help us to learn to follow You. Amen.

Leader: Parents, let us pray together:

**Parents:** Eternal God, help us to be faithful guides for our children in the reading of Your Word. We promise to read with and pray for our children. As we seek to fulfill this promise, we rely on the assurance of Your love and grace. Amen.

Leader: People of SAPC, let us pray together...

**Congregation: Holy God, when these children were baptized, we promised to guide and nurture them by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church. We pledge ourselves anew to these promises. Amen.**

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, children through third grade are invited to the Chapel. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:11-19, pew Bible, p. 955

SERMON

"Thank You Notes"

Jan Edmiston

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 554

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Ivey Cherry, baritone; Joshua Coleman, baritone

Charles Gounod

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: O God, our Provider, You open Your hand and lavish gifts upon us.  
You create the beauty of the earth and stock it with abundance to sustain human life.

**People: You give us friends who share the journey of our lives.**

Leader: Families who share our laughter of joy and tears of sorrow.

**People: Strangers who minister to our needs with generous kindness.**

Leader: You have blessed with the freedoms of a great nation.

**People: You knit us into Your larger family called church, encouraging us in Your Way.**

**All: Though our fortunes may come and go, our treasure in Jesus Christ our Lord, whom not even death can destroy. As we present these gifts to the glory of Your Kingdom, we give ourselves to You with all we are in praise. Amen.**

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 276

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(\*) 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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