

# MORNING WORSHIP

February 24, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Seventh 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 WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Eric Millard, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

arr. Dan Marvin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 17:5-10

Lena Hart

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

**People: Blessed are those whose trust is the Lord.**

Leader: They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

**People: It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;**

Leader: Even in the year of drought the tree is not anxious.

**People: Even in the year of drought it does not cease to bear fruit.**

+\*HYMN (Insert)

"O God, Beyond All Praising"  
UNC Charlotte Brass Quintet  
Verse 2 choir alone

(THAXTED) arr. Richard Proulx

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION (unison)

Adapted from Walter Bruggemann

Leader: We yearn, in every season, for Your presence;  
we know that our hearts will be restless, until they rest in You.

**People: We are like deer who seek a watering hole in the drought.**

Leader: We hear invitations for 'all who are weary and heavy-laden,'  
and our approach to You seems ready and easy.

**People: Truth to tell, we do pant restlessly, but not always for You.**

**Sometimes, instead we desire security; or a physical escape or beer and sports,  
or power and success, or beauty and acceptance... not seeking You.**

Leader: Truth to tell, we know You to be no easy mark; with Your rigorous entrance requirements  
of blamelessness, truth-telling, no bribes, and all matter of neighborliness.

**People: We yearn for You in every season, making You too easy, imagining You too difficult,  
bewildered and unsure until You give Yourself concretely to us...**

Leader: As You have done, oh God, and as You still do. (Silent Prayers) Amen.

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ROMAN MICHAEL PIACENTINO

Heather Smith, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

**Leader:** Roman Michael Piacentino is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Roman to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Adam and Cindy as they nurture Roman and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Roman 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 Borning Cry*

**I was there to hear your borning 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 borning 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 Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:27-38, pew Bible, p 939

SERMON

"Expectations"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Voluntary on Old 100<sup>th</sup>*  
UNC Charlotte Brass Quintet

Henry Purcell

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*A Winter's Night*  
Jeremy Marks, trombone; Gay Pappin, piano

Kevin McKee

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, we present our offerings, things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express our thanks. But we also bring our commitments of time, talent, our fragile dreams and hopes. These invisible gifts help sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, for justice and peace in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN 430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE "Melodie No. 3" from *Six Melodies* Charles Gounod  
Christopher Griffin, horn

\*POSTLUDE *Song of Japan* Steven Verhelst  
Eric Millard, trumpet, Christopher Griffin, horn; Jeremy Marks, trombone

\*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.

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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