

MORNING WORSHIP

March 3, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Transfiguration of the Lord

*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

Flute Solo

Thomas Arne

CHORAL INTROIT

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

(BOURBON)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71

Leader: In God, we take refuge;
People: Oh God, let us never be put to shame.
Leader: God is our rock and our fortress.
People: Oh God, turn Your ear to us and save us.
Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust.
**People: From our very first breath to our last,
God's love and compassion never fails.**
Leader: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.
All: Let's us worship God together!

+*HYMN

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

(HYMN OF PROMISE)

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Leader: Merciful God, You bring us comfort during our darkest hours and free us from confusion. You are always near to us, especially when we are weak and vulnerable. Lift our burdens, calm our anxiety, and quiet our fears. Do not leave us alone in our moments of anguish and depression. Give us the courage to ask for help when we feel overwhelmed.

People: Forgiving God, we confess that we have not properly comforted or understood our siblings and neighbors who are troubled in mind and spirit. With indifference, we often ignore or dismiss them. We judge and make assumptions because we do not understand. Forgive us for withholding our compassion and love. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (Three times)

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR SAMUEL DEWAR STEWART

Christy Parbst, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Samuel Dewar Stewart is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Sam to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Jonathan and Jessica as they nurture Sam and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Sam 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 492

“Baptized in Water”

(BUNESSAN)

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise, Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**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.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children, Joyfully 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 Children's Worship.
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:26-39, pew Bible, p. 942

SERMON

“What is Your Name?”

Lori Archer 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

“O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we offer our gifts to You, Holy God, we remember those who are forgotten– the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – important citizens in Your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (AZMON)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “A Clare Benediction” John Rutter

*POSTLUDE *Fugue in F Major* Dietrich Buxtehude

*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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