

MORNING WORSHIP

March 17, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday in Lent

*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

Wondrous Love

Traditional

CHORAL INTROIT

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

(LOBE DEN HERREN)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I pursue: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People: My head is lifted high. I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"

People: Teach us Your way, O Lord, and lead us on a level path. We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Leader: Then we wait. Be strong. Let Your heart take courage!

All: We wait, we worship and we sing!

+*HYMN 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

(ELLACOMBE)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Power turns and postures and exhibits. It controls and manages and plots. We participate in it, we benefit from it, we are dazzled by it and more than a little afraid. All the while, just underneath dazzling power, sits violence and hostility, greed and fear and envy, cunning and shamelessness. In that too, we participate. We lead double lives; public in pageant, role, and office, yet private in meanness and thinness. We do not do well in bringing this double together, but we confess You to be the Lord of all our lives. Give us new freedom about our public lives, give us new candor about our hidden lives. Correct what is brutal, greedy and fearful. Chasten what is hidden and mean. Make us people of shalom. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:1-5

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

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

*SUNG RESPONSE 172 (Verse 2) "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (RESIGNATION)

**When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

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 13:31-35, pew Bible, p. 951

SERMON

"Power Broker"

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

"I Got Me Flowers" from *Five Mystical Songs*
Ivey Cherry, baritone

R. Vaughn Williams

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Psalm 63

God of Salvation, our souls are satisfied for You have been our help. You offer us a future full of grace and mercy, but on Your terms, not ours. Knowing that You go with us into this future, toward the cross, we respond with humility and praise as we seek to exhibit Your Kingdom to the world. In the shadow of Your wings we sing for joy. Our souls cling to You and Your right hand will hold us up. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(DIADEMATA)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

(GERMANY)

*POSTLUDE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Neil Harmon

*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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