

MORNING WORSHIP

March 31, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Fourth 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 *Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said* arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (ST. COLUMBA)

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 43:18-21

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**People: You will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor You, the jackals and the ostriches.**

Leader: For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

People: You have formed us for Your purpose, so that we might declare Your praise.

+*HYMN 363 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (SOJOURNER)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We confess we have strayed away from Your Word.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world to drive us away
from Your vision for our lives.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess that there is strife and contention all around us.

People: We cry out to You, O God.

Leader: We confess together:

People: That we are powerless and have taken our focus off Your Word.

**We have not allowed Your Word to work in our lives, yet we continue to cry out to You in
times of trouble and need. Grant understanding and wisdom that we may see Your vision and
purpose in who we are and how we live. Hear our prayer and call us back to You. 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 MADELINE MICHELLE LINDSEY

Jay Pfeifer, 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: Madeline Michelle Lindsey is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Madeline to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Adam and Allison as they nurture Madeline and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Madeline 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 15, pew Bible, p. 952

SERMON

"Survival"

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

"Al Shlosa D'varim"

Allan E. Naplan

Translation: The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jan Richardson

When I have become so reliant on myself that I cannot see the need that gnaws so deep in my soul, open my eyes, open my heart, open my mouth to cry out for help. You do not ration the deliverance that You delight to offer in glad and generous measure. We commit to listen for those who are crying out, and to look for those who have no voice. With glad and generous hearts, we commit our gifts of time and treasure. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 359

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

(MORE LOVE TO THEE)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

(IN BABILONE)

*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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