

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 12, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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

*How Firm A Foundation*

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Yonder Come Day"

Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-3

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright,  
in the congregation.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

+\*HYMN 142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**O Lord, who loves us more than any parent could ever love a child, we give thanks that You mercifully receive us even when we have behaved like foolish runaways, even when we tear up what You have given us, even when we quickly forget what we have so painstakingly been taught. We bring before You the totality of our family life – memories both painful and joyful; unfulfilled dreams and exceedingly great realizations; petty arguments and deep conversations, distractions and procrastinations, sacrifices and high intentions; chaos and tranquility. Forgive us when we so often simply pass by one another on our way out the door, when we so easily take for granted the things which someone else has lovingly offered to us, when we expect the worst and resist the best of what is Your new creation. (Silent Prayers)**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 322 "Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

### 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.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:36-43, pew Bible p. 1001

SERMON

"Growing in Faith"

Mary Bowman

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"He Has Done Marvelous Things!"

arr. Maria Ellis

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

William Barclay

Leader: O God, our Maker, we thank You for this day.

**People: We thank You for those who have given us guidance, counsel, advice, and good example.**

Leader: We thank You for those in whose company the sun shone even in the rain, and who brought a smile to our faces when things were grim.

**People: We thank You for those in whose company the frightening things were not so alarming, and the hard things not so difficult.**

Leader: We thank You for those whose presence saved us from falling to temptation and enabled us to do the right.

**People: We thank You for those whom it is joy even to be with, and in whose company the hours pass all too quickly.**

Leader: We thank You for happy times to be for us forever happy memories.

**People: We thank You for times of failure to keep us humble, and to make us remember how much we need You.**

Leader: Most of all, we thank You for Jesus Christ, who in the daytime is our friend and our companion and, who in the night, is our pillow and our peace. Hear this thanksgiving for Your love's sake, and fill us with that same love. Amen.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 106

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

\*POSTLUDE

*Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

arr. Wilbur Held

\*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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