

MORNING WORSHIP

May 19, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Fifth Sunday after 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 *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT "Shout to the Lord" arr. Arnold Sherman

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) Psalm 23:1-3

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

Congregation: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Leader: He leads me beside still waters;

Congregation: He restores my soul.

All: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

+*HYMN 138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most holy and merciful God; We acknowledge and confess before You; our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good; and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned; in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts; in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us; who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins; for the sake of Your dear Son. Most holy and loving God; help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways; according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 23:4-6

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*HYMN 364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JAMES DAWSON BATTLE Jamie Yearwood, 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: James Dawson Battle is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon James to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Charles and Emily as they nurture James and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome James 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 Borne Cry

I was there to hear your borne 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 borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

Hebrews 11 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 1096

SERMON

"Baptized In The Communion of Saints"

Rush Otey

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

"Thine Be the Glory"

arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of Grace, God of Glory, on Your people pour Your power! Comfort us in our doubting and strengthen us in our believing. Help us lay all of our lives at Your feet – from our doubt to our certainty, from our weakness to our strength, from our humility to our pride, from our patience to our anxiety. Transform us, make our lives new. And despite our fear and trembling, send us. We know that wherever we shall go, You shall go before us. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 473

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

from the Iona Community (Scotland)

Leader: May the Maker's blessing be yours, encircling you round, above you, within you.

Congregation: May the angels' blessing be yours and the joy of the saints, to inspire you, to cherish you.

Leader: May the Son's blessing be yours, the wine and the water, the bread and the stories, to feed you, to remind you.

Congregation: May the Spirit's blessing be yours, the wind, the fire, the still small voice, to comfort you, to disturb you.

Leader: And may my own blessing be yours – a blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage, the blessing of a friend. Amen.

* RESPONSE

“Abide With Me”

arr. Jason W. Krug

The members of Selwyn's Handbell Choir offer this morning's response as a musical prayer for the UNC Charlotte community after the terrible shooting that took place on the campus on April 30.

*POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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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