

MORNING WORSHIP

July 28, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*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

Holy Manna

arr. John Peterson

INTROIT

"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I John 4:7-21

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

Congregation: Whoever does not love does not know God; for God is love.

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent the only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Congregation: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the expiation for our sins.

Leader: Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Congregation: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and God's love is perfect in us.

+*HYMN 261

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

O QUANTA QUALIA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord, we realize that we turn from You more often than we return to You. Although our meetings with You never fail to renew us, we allow them to become occasional. We long for You, not as the deer for flowing streams, but as the addict for a quick fix; not as the pioneer for a new homeland, but as the traveler for overnight accommodation; not as the truth-seeker for wisdom, but as the novelty-hunter for entertainment. Forgive us for being too concerned with ourselves, and too indifferent toward You.

(Silent Prayers)

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:35-38, pew Bible, p. 885

SERMON

"Compassion-What We Always Have to Offer"

Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Declaration of Faith

God is greater than our understanding. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. God makes himself known in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

*HYMN 577

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Moses Hogan

Ed Thomas, baritone; Gay Pappin, piano

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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, we give You all. Transform it, 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 367

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

CHEREPONI

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

BEACH SPRING

POSTLUDE

I will Sing the Wondrous Story

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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