

MORNING WORSHIP

August 11, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Ninth 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

LAND OF REST

arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT

"A New Psalm of Celebration"
DiAnne Cordell, soprano; Gay Pappin, piano

Joseph Martin

GATHERING MEDITATION based on Jeremiah 1:4-10, by Kwasi I. Kena

Simone Van Vuuren

Before the light of dawn broke through my darkest night,
You knew me.
Before I wandered off to do my thing,
You knew me.
Before I tripped and fell from grace,
You knew me.
Before You formed me in my mother's womb,
You knew me.
Before my birth,
You set me apart
and said, "Never be afraid."
"For I am with you."
Before I ever realized that You were God, You knew all about me.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

**Love is patient. Love is kind.
Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way. Love is not irritable or resentful.
Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
God is love. Let us worship God.**

+*HYMN OF PRAISE 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Gracious God, we try to control our lives only to find that we cannot - and then we become trapped by anxiety and fear. We blame You for life's challenges. Slowly, fear has become our default. We are anxious about a lot of things. We have begun to fear anything and anyone that is different - and consciously or unconsciously we have protectively walled up our hearts and ourselves so our paths to neighbors - unlike us in any way - have become overgrown with weeds. We are not living as we were made to live.

You tell us that You have enough love to overcome such fear. You tell us that You will never leave us or forsake us. You tell us we were made for love, not fear. Forgive us and help our unbelief. Help release us from fear and its harmful consequences. Help us move beyond the natural boundaries that differences erect. Help us to love You with our whole selves and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*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

John 4:7-18a, pew Bible p. 969

SERMON

"Can Love Really Cast Out Fear and Anxiety?"
"Perfect love casts out fear." 1 John 4:18a

Mary Bowman

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 527

"Near to the Heart of God"

MC AFEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Lucius Chapin

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Carol Penner

O Generous God,

Over and over Your grace sustains us,

over and over Your love provides for us,

and over and over Your arm steadies us.

We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love.

May our offerings distribute this love to the world:

the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know;

the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed.

We give You these gifts with gratitude and joy,

thankful that You are God over all. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 359	“More Love to Thee, O Christ”	MORE LOVE TO THEE
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Fanfare on “O, For a Thousand Tongues”</i>	arr. Charles Callahan

*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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