

MORNING WORSHIP

September 17, 2017

Half past Ten O'Clock

Fifteenth 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Andrea, Rae and Tate DePhillips, Habitat

PRELUDE

Voluntary on Love Den Herren

Paul Manz

INTROIT

O for a Thousand Tongues

AZMON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In mystery and grandeur,

Group: We see the face of God.

Leader: In earthiness and the ordinary,

Group: We know the love of Christ.

Leader: In heights and depths, and in life and death,

Group: The Spirit of God is moving among us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Psalm 33 and Matthew 26

Leader: Surely we are not the ones who would betray You, Lord. Someone else denies knowing You. Someone else uses You for their own gain. Someone else wants to control You. For the times when we protest too much, for the times we point fingers to cover up our own wrong, for the times we think of ourselves more highly than we ought, forgive us.

Group: We wait in hope for the Lord. He is our help and our shield.

Leader: For the times we have thoughtlessly betrayed You with our words; hurting someone to get a laugh, manipulating our words to silence others. For the times we have betrayed You with our actions; living as if You are confined to this sanctuary, and we are in charge when we are not here. For walking away from those in need, forgive us.

Group: In Him our hearts rejoice. For we trust in His Holy name.

Leader: For the times we have betrayed You with our hearts; placing You way down the priority list. For loving our ideas about You more than we love You, forgive us. For the times we have lived contrary to our baptism; believing we can earn grace, and *they* should work for it too, forgive us.

Group: May Your unfailing love be with us Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

Leader: It hurts, O God, to admit we have betrayed You. We follow other gods, we are a poor reflection of Your glory, we use our wealth, status, and power in ways contrary to Your will. We refuse to create justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You, because it would mean letting go of our way.

Group: Yet we believe, that by Your grace alone, You have the power to transform the world. We believe that You are the Way, the Life, and the Truth, and the truth sets us free. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

Romans 5:1

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:12-26, pew Bible, p. 991

SERMON

"The Room Where it Happened"

Lori 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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. by Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise You for your mercies, for Your goodness that has created us, Your grace that has sustained us, Your discipline that has corrected us, Your patience that has borne with us, and Your love that has redeemed us. We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation; weaving a tapestry of compassion and action, faith and fellowship, hope and wholeness. Help us to love and serve You in delight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

*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, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

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) reaffirmation 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 away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about 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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