

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 31:1-5

Leader: We gather together to worship God, our Rock and our Redeemer, the One in whom we find refuge.

People: You are our rock and our fortress, O God; our lives are in Your hands.

OPENING PRAYER

adapted, Dr. Cynthia Landstrum

Spirit of Life and Love, we gather together in different ways; computer screens, televisions, tablets, and phones.

We reach across the internet and wires, watching and waving from a distance. Oh God, Your house has many dwelling places; living rooms, porches, kitchens, and dens. Each is sacred in Your presence. We are apart, but we are together, offering our love, commitment, hope, and prayers in service to one another and this world. It is a new way, but an old way, that we come together in worship today. Amen.

HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

VERSE 1: To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,

And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

REFRAIN: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O Come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:

And give Him the glory! Great things He has done!

VERSE 2: Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be;

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted, Arianne Braithwaite Lehn

God, our Rock, You hold us fast. You keep us steady in seasons of waiting. You keep us trusting in seasons of struggle. You keep us hoping in seasons of confusion. Thank You for holding our many questions and doubts. We hear Your call to loosen our grip as we realize we are not as in control as we would like. Feeling blind-sighted, we crave the ability to plan and prepare. We try to make things go our way, but they have not. We work to change the people we love, but that is not our job. We do our very best, and work our very hardest, but it does not seem to be enough. Forgive our lack of patience and trust.

With Your renewing fingers, stretch and mold our spirits to gracious nimbleness and joyful flexibility. Teach us God, to breathe in Your peace when all seems uncertain, and exhale anxiety when all feels unknown. When everything feels blocked, we know You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We turn back to You with open hands, letting all we are and all we hold fall into the trustworthy hands You stretch toward us. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SUNG RESPONSE

"I Danced in the Morning"

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-7

SERMON

“A Troubled Heart”

Lori Raible

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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ANTHEM

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION