

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

"Come Christians Join to Sing"

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

People: God protects the vulnerable and shelters the weak.

Leader: God gives a home to the homeless and leads the prisoners to prosperity.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

Leader: Awesome is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel.

All: God gives power and strength to His people, Blessed be God!

HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKY

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**
**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**
**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father and Mother to all the orphans, protector of outcasts, provider for the needy, sustainer of the weary, savior of us all: we confess that we have neglected the work You entrusted to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, and in our witness to Your love for us, and for all humanity. God of mercy, restore us. Support us. Strengthen and enliven us, that we may do Your will on earth, until You come again. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets us free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

"You will be my witnesses"

Lisa McLennan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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ANTHEM

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Ivey Cherry, baritone

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