

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Selwyn Bells

arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelations 1 and Ephesians 4

Leader: Grace and peace to you for the One who is, and was, and is to come.

People: Amen.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, Who is above all and through all and in all.

People: Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

Leader: Christ appointed some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

People: Christ did this to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, and for serving a broken world.

Leader: And so we come together in oneness of faith and in certain knowledge of the Son of God.

People: We come to bring glory to God only, and to celebrate His gracious gifts to all of us.

All: In this spirit of unity and purpose, let us worship God.

+*OPENING MUSIC

"Be Thou My Vision"
DiAnne Cordell, soprano

SLANE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In your baptism, you were clothed with Christ, and now you are called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ordained ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: We celebrate God's particular call. We also remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ.

Leader: Indeed, ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment and reminds all of us to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us therefore confess our sin before God, reaffirming our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God's sovereignty, and affirming the faith of the church universal.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

2 Corinthians 5:17

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn away from sin renouncing evil and its power in the world?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ, acknowledging Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying His Word and showing His love?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 14, selected verses

SERMON

“Red Sea Moment”

Lori Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

ANTHEM

I Surrender All
Selwyn Bells

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DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**O God, the Author of Peace and Lover of Concord, to know You is eternal life, to serve You is perfect freedom.
Guide us by Your truth, and order us in all our ways, that we may always do what is right in Your eyes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

APPRECIATION FOR CLASS OF 2020

INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS, CLASS OF 2023

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Lee Bobbitt, Clerk of Session

Leader: Do we, members of the church, accept these men and women as Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

Congregation: We do.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE ORDINATION PRAYER

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BLESSING

Leader: May God’s Word be in your heart.

People: May God’s Word be on your lips.

Elders: May God’s Word be in your touch.

Leader: May God’s Word direct our feet.

People: On this day and all the days to come.

Elders: May God’s Word be the life we live.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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