

# SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MORNING WORSHIP Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

"Prayer" from *Nightsongs* Langston Hughes and H. Leslie Adams  
Dareion Malone, bass-baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 121

Leader: I lift my eyes to the hills- from where does my help come?

**Congregation: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Congregation: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

**Congregation: The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.**

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

OPENING SONG

"Break Thou O Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

based on Genesis 37:1-28; Matthew 14:22-33; I Kings 19:9-18

**God, we confess we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and power. Forgive us. Open our ears to listen for Your gentle whisper. Grant us a sense of urgency and compassion when we hear those crying out in this world. Open our eyes to recognize Your action in our lives. Grant us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting You even when we cannot yet see the outcome. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short and miss the mark (silent prayers). In the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:35, 37-39

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

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"Crowded Houses"

Lori Raible

HYMN

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING THE LOAF AND CUP

*The Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. When we gather at the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites with the Church in every time and place, even when we must gather virtually. Today we join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. As the Lord's Supper is celebrated from our sanctuary you are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper at home.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
Dareion Malone, bass-baritone

arr. Mark Hayes

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE