

# SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MORNING WORSHIP Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

UNION SEMINARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 149:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Congregation: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Leader: Let them praise the Lord's name with dancing, making melody to  
God with tambourine and lyre.

**Congregation: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people; God adorns the humble with victory.**

**All: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.**

OPENING SONG

"Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Why, Lord God, do we live as if our lives are our own and our will synonymous with Your ways?**

**Our actions defy Your commandment to love You and love our neighbors. We forget that You entrust us with the power to forgive, the task of reconciliation and the responsibility to care for creation and every creature within it. When we are strong, we assume we are self-sufficient. When we are weak, we are embarrassed to ask for help. Forgive our pride and lack of compassion for ourselves and for others.**

**Reveal to us yet again Your merciful and gracious character and help us to reflect it so that our relationships demonstrate Your loving kindness to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Lori Raible

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Micah 6:6-8

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Liam Lawton, arr. Tate

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.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There is nothing we can offer in exchange for the gift of salvation, the gift of life, the gift of each breath and every moment in Your good creation, Lord God. You offer us grace and we cannot fathom such freely given love. We respond with praise, with worship, with offering a portion of what You have entrusted to us. Knowing You can do abundantly more than we could ever hope or imagine, we give these gifts to You and await with hopeful eagerness the blessings You will bring to others through them. Amen.

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

\*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE