

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 105

Leader: Let us gather in the name of the God of Glory.

People: Let us worship the God of Grace!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: For ours is a God of righteousness and justice!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

People: Ours is a God of forgiveness and mercy!

All: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

OPENING HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

BEACH SPRING

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have failed miserably to emulate Your justice in our dealings with others, much less Your graciousness. We have sown ill-will, contempt, hatred, and discord as a result. Forgive us, we pray. Inspire us by the mercy and forgiveness You have shown to us in Christ Jesus to deal, not just honestly and fairly, but generously and charitably, with one another and especially those in need of blessing and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

II Corinthians 5:17

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

"The last will be first, and the first will be last"

Lori Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"A Simple Song" from *Mass*
Ivey Cherry, baritone, Gay Pappin, piano

Leonard Bernstein

*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 (Unison)

God of Past, Present and Future, You have promised a reign that will bless humanity and the world.

Set our sights upon this coming reality: that, inspired by the hope it brings, we may know ourselves to be recipients of Your incomparable grace and mercy, sharing this Good News in word and deed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please stay seated after the Benediction until after the Postlude ends. Then, take caution to maintain social distance as you exit the Narthex.

*Those who are able please stand.