

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EVENING WORSHIP Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Five O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106

One: Praise for the break of the setting sun, as it carries us toward evening and autumn air.
Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

Many: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

One: Praise for neighbors as we worship in the midst of their coming and going.
Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every day!

Many: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Praise for the calling of Your creation, from those who chirp, bark, and shout as they pass by.
Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Many: Gather us in O God, so that we may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, giving glory and praise to Your holy name.

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

*OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

by Reverend Barbara Hedges-Goettl (PCUSA)

God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of Your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of Your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel! You have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace and the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"Underdressed and Speechless"

Margo Richardson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

ANTHEM

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, today we give our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that all we do, all we offer, all we say, all we think, and all we hope will take root in this hurting world. We pray that our gifts will be a source of new expressions of God's love, of God's justice, of God's character, and of God's mission. May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us, despite us, and for us.
Amen**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

As you depart from worship conserve our resources by leaving your empty worship bag and marker in the large baskets.

*Those who are able please stand.