

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

GERMANY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

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

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

Leader: Come let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

O QUANTA QUALIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

"O God Beyond All Praising"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

Gustav Holst

*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)

**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

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be 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.