

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EVENING WORSHIP Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Five O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99

One: Praise God for the break of the setting sun, as it carries us toward evening and autumn air.
The Lord our God is king; let the peoples tremble.

**Many: We praise Your great and awesome name. We also give praise for neighbors as we worship
in the midst of their coming and going.**

One: God is a lover of justice, who executes justice and righteousness.

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, honk and shout as they pass by.
Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool.

Many: Holy is our God!

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon You into our midst, for You are here. We need not call You into the secret places of our hearts, for You are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see You; our ears to be unstopped that we may hear You; our minds to be sensitive that we may know You; our hearts to be tender that we may receive You and Your word to us this evening. Grant us Your peace and wisdom, in the name of Jesus, Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

J. Duffield

Lord, like those religious people long ago, we, too, have malice in our hearts. We wish ill upon those we do not like and fail to recognize our own shortcomings. We are certain in our opinions rather than humble about our assumptions. We think the best of ourselves and the worst of others, despite Your admonishment to tend to the log in our own eye, rather than the speck in our neighbor's. We want to partition off our lives, offering You only a small portion of our loyalty, time and resources, when we are called to give our whole selves to You. Forgive our pettiness, our hard-heartedness and our stubbornness. Use our repentance as a means for the Spirit to work in us and remake us into a closer likeness of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord our God answers us and forgives us. The mercy of the Lord is new every day and from everlasting to everlasting.

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR ANNIE JAMES YEARWOOD

Deni Pifer, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)
Prayer and the Act of Baptism
Greeting a Child of God

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Leader: Annie James Yearwood is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Annie to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of J.D. and Jamie as they nurture Annie and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Annie into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Jesus Love Me!

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."**

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

"Give therefore to the Emperor..."

Lisa McLennan

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

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ANTHEM

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord of all things, we give back to You that which is already Yours. We recognize that all we have, all that we are, all the earth, every fiber of our being and every cell of creation is Yours. We can do nothing apart from Your presence and power working in and through us. In thanksgiving and joy, we give to You these offerings. Bless them, we pray, and use them and us for that which will bring You glory and share the good news of Your love in a world deeply in need of it. In Christ's name we pray. 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.