

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

Change Ring on "Plain Bob"
Selwyn Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 99

Leader: The Lord our God is king; let the peoples tremble!

People: We praise Your great and awesome name.

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

People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is our God!

OPENING HYMN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Ivey Cherry, baritone

ELLACOMBE

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 a 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 FRANCES WINSCOTT ARNHEIM

Matt Baskerville, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p.14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Frances Winscott Arnheim is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Frances to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Toby and Courtney as they nurture Frances and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Frances 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.

*HYMN

"I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry"

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

704-734-9818

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision
Selwyn Bells

arr. Sandra Eithun

*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)

Lord of all things, we give back to You that which is Yours. We recognize that all we have, that 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 with 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 Your love in a world deeply in need of good news. In Christ's name we pray. 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.