

**SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**EVENING WORSHIP**  
**Christ the King Sunday**

November 22, 2020

Five O'Clock

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Leader: Praise for the break of the setting sun as it carries us toward evening's autumn air.

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Praise for the calling of Your creation from those who chirp, bark, and shout as they pass by.

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

Leader: Praise for neighbors as we worship in the midst of their coming and going.

**People: For the Lord is a great God, In His hand are the depths of the earth**

**O come, let us worship and bow down**

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy God, we open our hearts to You this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that blinds us,**

**The ignorance that hobbles us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely place,**

**See the world with new and gracious eyes,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**Have faith that You are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:6-7

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.

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

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

"God is near right now"

Margo Richardson

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

ANTHEM

*While offering plates will not be passed, offerings may be received in the plates near the welcome tables and/or prayer ribbons during the anthem and after worship.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives

we offer these gifts to You.

Through Your blessing and our willingness to share,

may these offerings become a source for hope and love

for this church family, and in the community beyond us,

in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.