

# MORNING WORSHIP

June 13, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

STORIES OF JESUS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 40, Marilyn K. Levine

Leader: I waited patiently for God; who turned to me and heard my cry,  
who lifted me out of the pit of mud and mire;  
and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**Congregation: We sing a new song!  
Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust;  
when we do not turn to false gods.

**Congregation: We sing of Your many wonders, O God,  
too many to declare them all.**

Leader: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,  
but our ears You have pierced and Your steadfast love has kept us safe.

**Congregation: We sing, "Here I am, I have come—  
I desire to do Your will, O my God."  
We rejoice, "Great is the Lord."**

+\*HYMN 464

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Matthew 13:3-23; Mark 4:3-25; Luke 8:5-18

Leader: O Lord, save us from hardness of heart,  
where Your word cannot take root.

**Congregation: O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind,  
where Your word withers away.**

Leader: O Lord, save us from the deceitfulness of riches,  
where Your word is choked by everyday cares.

**Congregation: But Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil,  
where Your word flourishes and yields a harvest,  
bringing salvation to all who proclaim You holy name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:35, 37-39

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

**Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, children are invited to the Chapel.*

*They are welcomed back to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, pew Bible, p. 889

SERMON

“Grace Among Thorns”

Lori Archer Raible

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO HENRY HOSKINS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. Gilbert Martin

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Benedict of Nursia (c.480-547)

**O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek You, wisdom to perceive You, and patience to wait for You. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on You; eyes to behold You; ears to listen for Your word; a heart to love You; and a life to proclaim You; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN 555

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL'S STORY

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

### **SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT**

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) reaffirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.