# MORNING WORSHIP

June 20, 2021 Half past Ten O'Clock

# **Fourth 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 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O Lord, with our whole heart;

Congregation: We will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in You;

Congregation: We will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

+\*HYMN 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being Your representatives to a broken and hurting world. Awaken our hearts to the gift of Your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured that there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal and no version of lost that God cannot find. God seeks, God accepts, God forgives and God sets free.

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, elementary children are invited to the Chapel. Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 15:4-32, pew Bible, p. 952

SERMON "Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son" Lisa McLennan

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN 298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

# RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF CONFIRMAND SYDNEY PIFER The Apostles' Creed

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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Am That Man" Mark Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

## \*LITANY OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, just as we love because You first loved us, we give because You first gave to us. Out of gratitude we bring our gifts to be used for Your kingdom work. With these gifts we also pledge to You our whole selves.

We give You our bodies as living temples; may we be Your hands and feet.

We give You our minds; may our thoughts support others and glorify You.

We give You our time; may our presence encourage others.

We give You our relationships; may our interactions be a light to the world.

We give You our work; may we strive to do what is right and help others to succeed.

We give You our play; may our leisure bring joy to many.

We give You our hopes and our dreams; may our goals reflect Your mission.

Use these gifts, O God, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn 384 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" arr. Kevin Hildebrand

\*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. 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) re-affirmation 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 and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and 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.

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Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore,	Susan Flynn, Suzanne Newsom,	Morgan Liles, Dick Metzler, Kurt Parbst,
Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton	Deni Pifer, Andy Sontag, Lou Waple,	Samantha Phifer, Heather Risko,
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