

# MORNING WORSHIP

August 29, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Fourteenth 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ellen Harris and Susan Flynn, Mission Group

INTROIT

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Congregation: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

Leader: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

**Congregation: You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

Leader: The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

**Congregation: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. And that we might use our wisdom so that all might gain.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

+\*HYMN 430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Matthew 22:37-40

Our Lord Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

As God has instructed us in these commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sin to God, trusting in Christ's love, mercy and forgiveness.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Richard Fairchild

Leader: Lord God, we confess to You our sin: those things which have hurt others and which have offended Thee.

**Congregation: Forgive us for not investing Your gifts wisely. We have been negligent with the time and energy You give us - often spending it all on ourselves while others have had to do more than their share of helping and caring. (silent prayer)**

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that through fear, greed, or ignorance, we have not always used in a faithful and responsible manner the wealth and talents You give us.

**Congregation: Forgive us for being satisfied with sharing so little with those who are in need, while spending so much of what we have been given, not only on our needs, but also on our desires. (silent prayer)**

Leader: We confess, O Lord, that we are prone to forget the purpose behind what You do for us. We forget that You know what we do with Your gifts.

**Congregation: Forgive us for when we have buried the talents and failed to work and share with all the things You give us.**

Leader: Gracious God - forgive us.

**Congregation: Heal us, make us whole and empower us to use our gifts for Your world. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 33:8

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

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

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Gloria Patri

## 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

Matthew 25:14-30, pew Bible, p. 904

SERMON

“Investing and Hiding”

Lisa McLennan

\*HYMN 420

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

## 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

“A Covenant Prayer”

Dan Forrest

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION

**All good things come from You, O God, and with gratitude we return to You what is Yours. You created all that is and with love formed us in Your image. When our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You gave us Your Son, Jesus Christ, as an example of what Your love looks like in this world and for our very salvation. All we have and all we are is a trust from You. And so, in gratitude for all Your gifts, we offer You ourselves, and all that we have, and all that we can become. By Your Holy Spirit, use these gifts and use us, so that Your love is known and felt by all and then used in ministry for all the world, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 422

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

CHARLESTOWN

\*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 fill out a pew card 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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