

MORNING WORSHIP

September 12, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

Sixteenth 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

PRELUDE

Jazz Combo

Will Campell, saxophone; Malcolm McKinley, piano; Ron Brendle, bass; Rick Dior, drums

INTROIT

Windows

Chick Corea

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 1

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
In the empty void and crushing darkness, God spoke light into being.

Congregation: Creator God, bring light into our darkness.

Leader: In the beginning, God took eternity and formed time, space, seasons, days and years.

Congregation: Creator God, fill and shape the time You have given us.

Leader: In the beginning, God took land and sea and filled them with life of every kind.

Congregation: Creator God, help us find our place within Your diverse creation.

Leader: In the beginning, God created humanity in God's image.

Congregation: Creator God, open our eyes to see You reflected in every human face.

Leader: In the beginning, God created and then rested on the seventh day,

All: And it was good.

+*HYMN 469

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalms 13

In the beginning it was good, but now we cry out, 'How long, O Lord.'

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: How long, O Lord, can we hide our faces from the headlines of divisiveness, violence, and tragedy?

Congregation: How long, O Lord,

Leader: will our siblings in Afghanistan be oppressed and displaced by conflict?

Congregation: How long, O Lord,

Leader: will the children of Haiti be battered by hurricanes and earthquakes?

Congregation: How long, O Lord,

Leader: will wildfires burn out of control?

Congregation: How long, O Lord,

Leader: will devastating floods ravish our neighbors in places like Louisiana, North Carolina, and New York?

Congregation: How long, O Lord,

Leader: must the soul of humanity bear the pain of trauma and loss due to COVID-19?

Congregation: Must we have sorrow in our heart all day long? How long, O Lord,

Leader: will we oppress and deny one another's humanity when we are each created in Your sacred image.

Congregation: Answer us, O Lord!

Leader: Give protection to those living in fear.
Give us strength to endure, so tragedy will not prevail.
Give guidance to decision makers on the ground.
Give compassion to hearts weary with fatigue.

Congregation: We trust in Your steadfast love.

Leader: Our hearts rejoice in Your salvation, as we participate in Your kingdom restoration.
We pray, act, and give bountifully with those repairing what has been destroyed.

Congregation: O Lord, we bring our prayers of lament to You. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lamentations 3:22-23

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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

John 1:1 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 966

SERMON

"The Light Shines On"

Lori Archer Raible

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*When gathering at the Lord's Table the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence uniting us with the Church
in every time and place, even when we must gather virtually.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Jazz Combo

arr. W. Campbell

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY

Come Sunday
Jazz Combo

Duke Ellington, arr. W. Campbell

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

NICAEA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me
Jazz Combo

arr. W. Campbell

*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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