### MORNING WORSHIP

September 19, 2021 Half past Ten O'Clock

# Seventeenth 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 Come, Thou Almighty King arr. Anna Page

INTROIT "When In Our Music God Is Glorified" ENGELBERG

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Teri McDowell Ott and the Presbyterian Outlook

Leader: If you are weak and in need of strength, Congregation: If you are feeling fragile, or vulnerable,

Leader: know that you are welcome here, know that Christ beckons us here,

know that you are loved here.

Congregation: We come to worship like children, ready to rest in God's arms.

+\*HYMN 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One, Holy Three, You call all who dwell on earth to follow You, singing songs of praise.

We confess, however, that Your song has been silenced within us.

Congregation: We are unwilling to sing new songs—or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are

different from our own.

Leader: We sing as we live - as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing You.

Forgive us.

Congregation: Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles Your voice within us. Join our songs with Your whole

Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to Your glory, not our own.

(silent confession) Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 13:5-6

I trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord,

because He has dealt bountifully with me.

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR BENNETT ALEXANDER HACKMAN

Sam Phifer, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Hymnal, p. 14

Leader: Bennett Alexander Hackman is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Bennett to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice.

Let us be supportive of Brian and Tate as they nurture Bennett and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Bennett into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you,

and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.

\*HYMN 488

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

WATERLIFE

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 11:28-30, pew Bible, p. 888

**SERMON** 

"Weary and Carrying Heavy Burdens"

Margo Richardson

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### HYMNAL DEDICATION AND PRAYER CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Music is an integral part of the work of the people of God. God's people have always sung. When the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, Moses and Miriam sang. When Samuel was born, Hannah sang. When the exiles were in Babylon, they wondered if their song was lost—it wasn't, and they sang. When Gabriel brought good news of great joy to Mary, she sang. The early church sang hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs, and we have been singing ever since. God's gift of music is not just to those with melodious voices, but to those whose hearts are tuned to praise of God. Our song requires all of our voices. Thus, we dedicate these new hymnals, to the glory of God and for service in the life of this congregation.

Psalms 96 and 98 \*LITANY

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Congregation: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Leader: Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,

let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Congregation: Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.

With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns. Leader:

Congregation: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To You, O God, we offer our thanks and praise. We know that Your creative power is the Leader:

source of every good gift. Today, we take delight in the special gift of these hymnals.

Congregation Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices." (Glory to God, #643)

Leader:

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Thank You for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to make this new hymnal available for our use. Thank You for all those who worked to create this song collection for Your wider church: composers, poets, and artists; editors, publishers, and committee members. Thank You for the guidance of Your Spirit in the many decisions required through long years of dedicated service.

Congregation Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices." (Glory to God, #643)

Leader:

Thank You for the gift of music that stirs our hearts, instructs our minds, strengthens our spirits, and sets our bodies in motion. Thank You for old songs that keep us connected with saints and traditions from our past, and for new songs that create a legacy for future generations. Thank You for songs from our culture that express our heritage in familiar

melodies and rhythms, and for songs from other cultures that open us to the variety of ways in which Your people offer praise around the world.

### Congregation Sing: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices." (Glory to God, #643)

Leader:

We thank You for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered You praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions. May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. Enable us to sing in one voice as Your gathered people, and to join in harmony with all who worship You. By Your grace, may the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to You, in the name of Jesus Christ, Your faithful Son who taught us to pray together saying... (Lord's Prayer)

Congregation: Amen.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "We Remember Them" Donald McCullough

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" BOURBON

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Jeremiah Clarke

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

#### A NOTE ABOUT THE ANTHEM

According to the composer, Donald McCullough, "'We Remember Them" is a meditative, memorial poem by Rabbis Sylvan Kamens and Jack Riemer. It is a celebration of life and hope, and serves as a solemn prayer." In recognizing the 20 years since the terrorist attacks of 9/11, this anthem serves to memorialize and to reflect on those who lost their lives through the voices of those left behind. Originally written for remembering genocide of Jews lost during the Holocaust, the work speaks to all tragedies where a senseless loss of life has been involved. While we are commemorating 9/11 a week later in our service, it is no less poignant as we should always remember those victims and the people they left behind.

#### 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.