

MORNING WORSHIP

November 17, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Twenty-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

PRELUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

MINUTE FOR MISSION Andi Bentley, Room In the Inn

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 14:16, Romans 8:31

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of hope and abundance.

We have come from a busy week, imperfect and wing-battered.

People: Christ is our Advocate, and stands on our behalf. We will not be afraid.

Leader: Come and rest in the Lord who heals and restores you.

People: Pulled this way and that, by demands and worry.

Leader: Pour out your needs to the Lord who will always hear and respond.

People: Christ is our Comfortor, and brings peace. We will not be afraid.

All: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Let us praise the Lord!

+*HYMN (back of bulletin) "We Praise You, O God" KREMSER

*CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 2:1-2

My little children, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Holy One, we call to You and name You; eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts as we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence, near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, act courageously, and speak with courage and integrity. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship.
They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1-10, pew Bible, p. 956

SERMON

“Jesus: On Your Behalf”

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MEMBERSHIP BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Charles J. Harris

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

WELCOME AND BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 354

“Guide My Feet”

GUIDE MY FEET

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Esto Les Digo

Kinley Lange

Translation: Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them. Matthew 18:20

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord of our richest encounters, You heard the hidden cry of Zacchaeus to welcome You into his home.
Teach us to hear the whispers of the world, feel its pain, and bravely advocate for justice and peace.
May these offerings of our time and treasure be acceptable to You for the honor of our Advocate and
Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 525

“Here I Am, Lord”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“O For A World”

AZMON

*POSTLUDE

Let All Creation Dance

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.