

MORNING WORSHIP

March 15, 2020

Half past Ten O'Clock

Third Sunday in Lent

*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

Fantasy on Kingsfold
Selwyn Bells

H. Dean Wagner

INTROIT

"If with All Your Hearts" from *Elijah*
Johnathan White, tenor; Gay Pappin, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90:1-2

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.**

+*HYMN 138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"
(Choir, verse 2)

NICAEA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from Ross MacKenzie

Leader: If we have caused death or borne malice or wished any harm,

Congregation: Today we seek to do our neighbor good with heart and soul.

Leader: If we have closed our hands against a poor person,

Congregation: Today we share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Leader: If we have looked coldly on others,

Congregation: Today we ask for warmer hearts.

Leader: If we have exploited the wild beasts or the birds or any living thing or the waters under heaven
or the earth itself,

Congregation: Today we offer reparation.

Leader: If we have boasted that we are not grasping, unjust, or adulterous like the rest of humanity.

Congregation: Today we ask: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Leader: If ever we have been steeped in rottenness or greed,

Congregation: Today we take truth for our guide.

Unison: Take pity on us, God, take pity on us. Let Your glory be over the earth.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:17

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+*Hymn 457 (Verse 5)

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

**Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
That in Thy strength we evermore endure.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR FRANCES WINSCOTT ARNHEIM

Meg Dewey, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Frances Wincott Arnheim is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Frances to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Toby and Courtney as they nurture Frances and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Frances 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

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.

Should you find someone to share your time and join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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

Genesis 1 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 1

SERMON

"In the Beginning, God..."

Rush Otey

"Sanctus" from *Missa St. Cecilia*

Charles Gounod

Johnathan White, tenor; Chancel Choir; Gay Pappin, organ

Translation: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are filled with your glory!

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“We Have a Strong City”
Eric Millard, trumpet; Gay Pappin, organ

John Rutter

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

adapted from Frederick Ohler, *Better Than Nice*

**The word of faith is the same for us all:
we are always unfinished.
You are not through with us yet.
In the painful and pleasant changes of life
we meet You
and the Christ.
We call Him the Way and mean only the destination;
He is also and especially the journey
the process
the get there
within amid through
the illness, the conversion, the birth, the death
the growing up and growing old and becoming like a child.
Good news to her who is not as lost as she thinks.
Good news to him who is not as saved as he imagines.
Good news to us all.
Way to go!
Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 455 (Verses 1, 2, 5 and 6)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The congregation is asked to sit during the Benediction, Response, and Postlude this morning.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Jesus Paid it All
Selwyn Bells

John T. Grape

POSTLUDE

Andante from *Concerto in D*
Eric Millard, trumpet, and Gay Pappin, organ

Giuseppe Tartini

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers

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.