

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 4, 2022

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT "Oh, How I Love Jesus" OH HOW I LOVE JESUS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seats of scoffers;

**People: but delight in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by a stream, they produce fruit and will prosper.

**People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Leader: For the Lord our God watches over the way of the righteous, but the wicked will perish.

**People: The Lord is our strength and salvation.**

**All: The Lord is always present, guiding us on the path of righteousness!**

+\*HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Creator of the universe, we come before You praying for grace. We had failed to keep our trust in Your promises of an abundant life. Instead, we analyze our own gains and losses, believing we are better at growing our treasures on earth, than accepting as truth, Your guidance. Help us not to waver in our faith when we face the idols of this world. Cleanse our unclean hearts, remove our stubbornness and repair our brokenness. Teach us to celebrate Your promises and inspire us to rejoice in Your Holy presence. Amen.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE 654 "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:15-20, pew Bible, pg. 185

SERMON "It's Your Decision" Bryan Hovey

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Look at the World"

John Rutter

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give You these gifts knowing that they will be used to feed and house Your people. This offering we share is with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Jeremiah Clarke

\*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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