

MORNING WORSHIP

September 18, 2022

Half past Ten O'Clock

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. Anna Page

INTROIT

"Allemande" from *Cello Suite No. 1 in G minor, BWV 1007*
AG Yurkuat, cello

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, High above the heavens in glory?

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Leader: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Leader: Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

+*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, You know our sin: We have squandered the gifts You have given us.

We have failed to forgive as You have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest

in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following

Your ways. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for Your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace

You have given, and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*silent prayers*) Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Timothy 2:4

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

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WHITNEY GRACE CHEEK

Heather Risko, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

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

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Whitney 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.

*SUNG RESPONSE

“I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:1-13 pew Bible, p. 953

SERMON

“Honest to God”

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “O Send Thy Light Forth”

M. Balakariv

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, You feed us with Your love and equip us to share in Your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with boldness and the joy of Easter morning. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 697

“Take My Life”
Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE “ “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkim

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Finale

Tomaso Albinoni

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

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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