

# MORNING WORSHIP

September 25, 2022

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*The Church's One Foundation*

arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

THERE IS A BALM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Habakkuk 1, Luke 1 and 17

Leader: Destruction and violence is everywhere;  
Strife and contention are all around.

**People: The needs of the world are so great;  
O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: Sometimes justice doesn't prevail.

**People: The needs of the world are so great;  
O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: How many threats surround us;  
Warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**All: The needs of the world are so great  
But You, O God, are greater still –  
the One in whom all things are possible.  
O Lord, increase our faith in You.**

+\*HYMN 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We carelessly misuse the natural resources of this earth. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those You call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and wander without rest. We wait on You, O God. We hope in You. You alone can restore all things, even us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR DAMON LUCAS TURNER AND JORDAN BROOKES TURNER

Lou Waple, 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:** Damon Lucas Turner and Jordan Brookes Turner are now identified as children of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Damon and Jordan to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Del and Kim as they nurture their children and assist them to be faithful disciples.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Damon and Jordan 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 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

## 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 17:11-22, pew Bible p. 955

SERMON

"Ten Lepers Leaping"

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

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

arr. Craig Courtney

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Lord, Your steadfast love never ceases; Your mercies never come to an end. Multiply and use these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure that through them Your compassion may be known. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 772

"Live into Hope"

TRURO

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"

GOD BE WITH YOU

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell

\*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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