



*This is Our
Story*

Youth Sunday
May 7, 2017

Rachel
Walker

MORNING WORSHIP

May 7, 2017

Half past Ten O'Clock

Youth Sunday

When the music 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

Erin Mills

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lily Cann, Selwyn Book Drive, Food Drive, and Freedom School Frenzy

PRELUDE

The Heavens are Telling
UNC Charlotte Brass Quintet

Joseph Haydn

INTROIT

Prelude in D Minor, BWV, 851
Alex Burgin, piano

by J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mac McLennan

Leader: O God, You created all people in Your image.

Congregation: We praise You for the beauty, the diversity, the majesty of this planet.

Leader: You tell us that each of our stories matters.

Congregation: Each of our stories is intertwined with Your own.

Leader: As we worship You, unite us in love.

Congregation: Guide us as we seek to do justice, love kindness, work for peace, and walk humbly with You.

Leader: We offer You our lives and our praise,

Congregation: For You are faithful in every time and place.

Leader: We life up our voices, our stories, with joy and hope.

Congregation: Let us worship God together.

+*HYMN 150

Come, Christians Join to Sing

MADRID

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Izzy Cann

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, the world is Your creation, and we are called to be its caretakers. We are reflections of Your divine image, created and claimed as Your beloved children. But we are careless and callous and we cling to a culture of consumption instead of caring for the earth. Too often, we distort and deny Your image. But You know us. You know our stories. And You love us in spite of our failures. Like a mother with her children, You do not abandon us. By Your grace, You have named us and claimed us as Your own. Forgive us the ways we stray from Your path. Forgive us for focusing on ourselves instead of Your great story. Help us to mirror Your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ann Royal McLennan

Leader: There is not one of us who is without sin but the Bible teaches us that when we confess our sin, our gracious and loving God sets us free from it. The good news of the gospel is this: God knows who we are and loves us anyway. Loved by God, we are forgiven. Forgiven by God, we can find peace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

O Come Angel Band

William Batchelder Bradbury

K-5 Choir and Caroline Thompson, vocals
Sara Howard, guitar

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Noah Carroll

Isaiah 41:10, pew Bible, p.655
Hebrews 13:20-21, pew Bible, p.1099

REFLECTION

“This is Our Story”

Caroline Thompson

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Grace Haruta, viola, and Mollie McGirt, violin

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Shelby Flowers

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart; arr. by Watkin

UNC Charlotte Brass Quintet

*DOXOLOGY (Sung three times)

Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

William Flynn

Almighty and merciful God, who has searched us and knows us, we celebrate and praise Your glorious creation. We thank You for blessing us with incredible gifts. We ask Your guidance in pursuing the story You wrote for us before we were born. We are grateful for Your unending love as we discover ourselves and our place within that story. Help us to be open to new ways of seeing, to new avenues of acting, to a renewal of our relationships, so that we may join You in making all things new. Work in us and through us, that together with You we may offer living water where there are deserts among us, healing where there is hurt, beauty where there is ugliness, justice where there is brokenness, and new beginnings where there are dead ends. Amen.

RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS MEMBERS

Introduction of Confirmands

Questions for Confirmands and the Congregation

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People (confirmands will kneel), concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Alex Dewey

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

+*HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A Portrait of the Sun

Composed and played by Walker Burgin

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare to La Peri

Paul Dukas, arr. Wayne Barrington

UNC Charlotte Brass Quintet

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

- ❖ Art in the sanctuary was created by the Selwyn Youth.
- ❖ Please greet and congratulate our confirmands on the front lawn after worship today.
- ❖ Cover art by Rachel Walker.
- ❖ Portions of this worship service have been adapted from resources of the 2015 Montreat Youth Conference.
- ❖ The youth would like to thank Fred Spano and John Siler, their Sunday School teachers, youth advisors, their parents and confirmation mentors, the staff of Selwyn Presbyterian, and Shelby Flowers for designing the 2017 youth t-shirt.

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, or bring it after worship to one of the ministers. 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) reaffirmation 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 away for military service, education, or work, and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (you have recently moved to this area and your membership is still elsewhere, or you simply seek to become part of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church in your faith journey). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Conversations, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn together about 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.

<u>SAPC SESSION</u>		
<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Jodie Bolewitz, Jim Glen, Rudy Gragnani, Peggy Hormberg, Mory Lowe, Catherine Miller, Sara Moreau, Mary Ward, Eric Winkenwerder Youth Elder – Caroline Thompson	Andy Burgin, Jill Cann, Roger Mills, Jackie Salinas, Bill St. George, Ed Thomas, Joy Vickers, Vicki Walker, Sue Ward	David Caldwell, Rebecca Cooper, David Harris, Ellen Harris, Todd Muldrew, Christy Parbst, Steve Randall, Jim Williams, Jamie Yearwood