

MORNING WORSHIP

May 21, 2017

Half past Ten O'Clock

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*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

Pastorale

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-9

One: O God, Your constant love reaches to the heavens; Your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Many: Your righteousness towers like the mountains; Your justice is deeper than the sea.

One: All find protection under the shadow of Your wings. We feast on the abundance You provide.

Many: You are the source of all life, and in Your light, we see light.

+*HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

You asked for our hands, that You might use them for Your purpose. We gave them for a moment, and then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We gave You a whisper and hoped that was enough. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty. We closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that You might work through us. We gave a small part, so that we might not get too involved. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You—only when it is convenient, only in those places where it is safe, and only with those who make it easy. Father, forgive us, renew us, send us out as usable instruments, that we might take seriously the meaning of Your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

One: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR FOARD ALEXANDER LAVERY

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Foard Alexander Lavery is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Foard to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Will and Christine as they nurture Foard and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Foard 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 492, verse 3

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked by the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to the Chapel.
They will return to the Sanctuary following the sermon.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21, pew Bible, p. 983

SERMON

"If You Love Me..."

Lisa McLennan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMISSIONING OF 2017 APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT TEAM

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. by Elizabeth Campbell

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God, our Father, with these gifts we offer You our lives to do Your work in the world. Take our bodies and our minds, our work and our leisure, our relationships with other people, our friendships and our family life, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for the future. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we bring them to You. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 359

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Danish Amen

*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 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.

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