

MORNING WORSHIP

February 26, 2012

Half past Ten O'Clock

First Sunday in Lent

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Lemmon, Montclair Elementary

PRELUDE

Adagio in D Minor

G. F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT

Prayer
Jeremy Collier, bass

Leslie Adams

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 4: 14-16

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

**Congregation: For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning.**

**All: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

+*HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

adapted from Kenneth Phifer

Leader: Good Lord, deliver us from slavery to schedules, lists and deadlines; from the
tyranny of the telephones and the rule of wristwatches; from the pharaohs of
franticness and fragmentation; from bondage to busyness and bondage to all
things that simply must be done before we stop to think or feel or care.

Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us and make us free to be human.

Leader: From that which keeps us willing to remain enslaved, afraid to venture out with
love into your suffering world - the insulation that shuts out the painful sights and
sounds of desperate human need, our worship of a mediocre yet comfortable
way of life, our uncertainty about the power of Your spirit, and our terror before
the shadowy, violent powers that seem to be in charge of things; our fear of
failing, hurting, dying. From these and from the countless arguments we use to
rationalize our staying safe in our timidity-

**Congregation: Good Lord, deliver us, and make us free to lose and find ourselves in caring
as You do for the redemption of the whole wide world. Amen.**

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3: 16-17

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (“*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*” hymn #574)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11 (selected verses), pew Bible p. 978

SERMON

“Wanted: Dead or Alive!”

Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Mache dich, mein Herze, rein”

from *St. Matthew Passion*, J. S. Bach

Jeremy Collier, bass

Make thyself, my heart, now pure, I myself would Jesus bury.

For he shall henceforth in me more and more find in sweet repose his dwelling.

World, depart, let Jesus in!

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God, our Father, we believe that Your Church is Your people, and that we are called to bring to the world knowledge of Your greatness, Your mercy, and Your love. We praise and thank You for the beauty of Your creation; for the richness and variety of the world in which we are set; for the lives and minds of other people; and for the truths You show to us in worship, in the reading and preaching of Your Word, and in the church’s celebration of the sacraments. Especially we thank You now for the human gifts which have gone into the making of this church; for the vision to plan; the skill to design; the ability to build; and then generosity to provide. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND THE CUP

(Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Welcome Table

arr. Mark Hayes

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everlasting God, we most heartily thank You, that in Your great love, You have fed us at Your table with this spiritual food and have assured us of Your goodness toward us; and that we are members of the mystical Body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of Your everlasting kingdom. And we pray that You assist us with Your grace so that we may continue in this holy fellowship and live always to Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns and is worshiped and glorified with You, O Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Balm in Gilead
Jeremy Collier, bass

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

*POSTLUDE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
(setting 1)

Johannes Brahms

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

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We invite you to join us in our ministries of worship, music education, evangelism, service, and fellowship. Membership in the Presbyterian Church (USA) is by profession of faith in Jesus Christ, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer from another congregation. Please do not leave today without greeting members of the congregation and the pastors – your presence is a joy for us! AN ATTENDANCE REGISTER for members and visitors is in the pew for you to record your attendance in worship today. Please share your name, address, and phone number if you are visiting Selwyn Church today.

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