

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

ALL: God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love. In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.

PASTOR: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

PASTOR: How does Christ intercede?
ALL: Christ intercedes by continually appearing in our human nature before the Father in heaven. There he makes his will clear that his own merit of obedience and sacrifice on earth be applied to all believers; he answers all the accusations against believers and makes sure they have peace of conscience, in spite of their daily failings; and he welcomes them without hesitation to the throne of grace and accepts who they are and what they do for him.

♦ OFFERTORY **"By Gentle Waters"** Choir
— by Cindy Berry —

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

He Will Hold Me Fast

1 When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail,
he will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold;
he must hold me fast.

2 Those he saves are his delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight,
he will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
his promises shall last;
bought by him at such a cost,
he will hold me fast.

Chorus
*He will hold me fast,
he will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so,
he will hold me fast.*

3 For my life he bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied;
he will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life,
he will hold me fast
'till our faith is turned to sight,
when he comes at last!

John 17:1-26

(Scripture text is on the back of the worship guide)

"Jesus Christ—Our Great Intercessor"

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171
Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

* Congregation Please Stand

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian,
the pastor is available in the narthex after the service.

SCRIPTURE

John 17:1-26

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*

Next Week:

Text: *John 13:1-20*

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Congregation Meeting—Sanctuary	12:00 p.m.
	Visitors Lunch!—Fellowship Hall	12:30 p.m.
	Town North Teens—Admin Bldg	5:00 p.m.
	Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Morning Ladies Bible Study—CE Rm 201	9:30 a.m.
	Session Meeting—Admin 2nd Fl	6:00 p.m.
	Evening Ladies Bible Study—Admin Rm103	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Adult Choir Practice—Sanctuary	6:45 p.m.
	Prayer—Admin Rm103	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Thursday Morning Prayer—Minich Home	9:00 a.m.
SATURDAY	Leadership Development Class—Admin Rm103	8:00 a.m.

Church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/events.

WORSHIP SERVICE

VISITORS — Please let us know you better so we can pray for you. Please sign the visitor pad at the end of the aisle. **NURSERY IS PROVIDED DURING** Sunday School and the worship service for all children age three and under. Classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Bldg.

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brothers & Sisters of Town North,

The Session has called a short Congregation Meeting for **TODAY immediately following worship (before the visitors lunch).**

We will communicate the details of a grant proposal we have been considering to provide a three month sabbatical for Pastor Rogers in 2020. The Session would like to communicate why this sabbatical would be appropriate and beneficial for both Pastor Rogers and Town North.
-Town North Session

Session Meeting ~ Tuesday, April 9

If you have a question or concern, please contact Pastor Rogers so he can plan your question into the meeting schedule. (david.rogers@tnpc.org)

TNPC Women's Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 27th, 11:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker Christie Minich

Cost is \$10.00 per person. Deadline to purchase tickets in the narthex is **April 21st**.

Guests are especially welcome!

Childcare is provided. To register your child go to:
<https://goo.gl/forms/vjEYWn7mwPFovquT2>

For more information contact Susan Jeffery
cjeffery@sbcglobal.net or 972-644-2331

Please see Kelly Rogers if you need financial assistance.



Visitors
Lunch

TODAY!

Fellowship Hall following the short Congregation Meeting after the Worship Service.

GUESTS ARE ESPECIALLY INVITED!

Ladies Spring Study!

The Gospel of Mark

Week 11—Mark 15:16-16:8

"Crucifixion and Resurrection"

Fiscal Year 2019

Totals through March 31, 2019

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income	\$ 558,659
Designated Giving	\$ 82,738
Total Expenses	\$ 584,186
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 57,211

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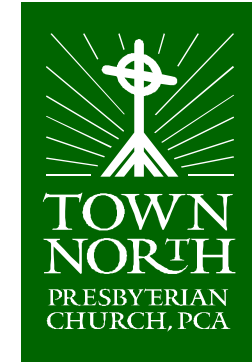
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

April 7, 2019 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"What Jesus wants, he gets. For even the best saint, this degree of fulfillment would be disastrous, given our remaining sin. For unbelievers, it would bring utter devastation. But for the eternal Son of God who came to save sinners, the realization that he receives what he desires remains the incredible hope of the world."

-Mark Jones, *The Prayers of Jesus*, p. 161.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor David Rogers

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 107

PASTOR: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

PEOPLE: for his steadfast love endures forever!

PASTOR: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

PEOPLE: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

PASTOR: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

PEOPLE: Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

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