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



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

April 26, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"Bread magnifies Christ in two ways: by being eaten with gratitude for His goodness, and by being forfeited out of hunger for God Himself. When we eat, we taste the emblem of our heavenly food – the Bread of Life. And when we fast we say, "I love the Reality above the emblem." In the heart of the saint both eating and fasting are worship. Both magnify Christ. Both send the heart – grateful and yearning – to the Giver."

-John Piper, <u>A Hunger for God</u>, Crossway, 1997, p. 21.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

Elder David Hitt

from Psalm 111

LEADER: Praise the LORD!

CALL TO WORSHIP

PEOPLE: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

LEADER: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PEOPLE: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

LEADER: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever

PEOPLE: Holy and awesome is his name!

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 53 (vv 1-5)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

LEADER: Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned. We have failed to trust you in your goodness and in your provision. We have wasted the gifts that you have so lovingly provided. We have forgotten your lovingkindness. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed. We repent of all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins. Help us to live in your light. Empower us to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Matthew 6:31-33

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

LEADER: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

HYMN OF RESPONSE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

LORD'S PRAYER

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

John 3:16; Romans 8:32

In these moments.

Hymn 55 (vv. 1-3)

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PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heav'n drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light, as of old. O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder David Schlimme

Mark 6:35-44

³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"The Bread of Life"

RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 95 (vv 1-4)

Though Troubles Assail Us

Though troubles assail us and dangers affright, though friends should all fail us and foes all unite, yet one thing secures us, whatever betide, the promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed; from them let us learn to trust God for our bread. His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied so long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path, and courage all fails us, we triumph by faith. He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried, this heart-cheering promise, "The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own and no goodness we claim; yet, since we have known of the Savior's great name, in this our strong tower for safety we hide: the Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

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

SERMON NOTES

"The Bread of Life" Mark 6:35-44

Next Week: Text: Mark 6:45-52 Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

| SUNDAY | Sunday Worship Service—by Livestream | 10:30 a.m. |
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| | Officers Prayer for the Congregation—by Zoom Conference | 1:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom Conference | 7:00 p.m. |

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

BY LIVESTREAM

ACCESS: 1. Go to the Town North web site: <u>www.tnpc.org</u>
2. Click on the button that says: "Join TNPC Livestream Worship"

{NO PUBLIC SERVICES DUE TO COMMUNITY DISEASE (CORONAVIRUS) CONTROL GUIDELINES}

LIFE*Change* **OFFERING** — Last week's total LIFEChange was \$ 1,070.00. Thanks be to God! If you did not give your LIFEChange last Sunday, you may mail your check or make your donation via *PayPal*, specified "LIFEChange".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER!

7:00 P.M. BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies, and other small groups are meeting by Zoom conferencing <u>or in homes at leader & group discretion</u>.

<u>Ladies Study</u> – Proverbs is a book of wisdom offering divinely inspired observations concerning how to live rightly as the people of God. This weekly study will explore topics in Proverbs via Zoom on Tuesdays starting May 5 with a morning session at 9:30am and evening session at 6:30pm. To participate email your name, phone number, and email address to Bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com. <u>The following ministry activities</u> <u>are CANCELLED for the weeks</u> <u>to come until further notice</u>:

- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Sunday School
- Adult Sunday School & Inquirer's Class
- Youth Group (Sunday night)
- Communicants Class
- Covenant Clubhouse
- Choir & Ensemble practices
- Visitors Lunch & Kid's Lunch
- On-campus Bible Studies & Prayer Teams
- Evening Lord's Supper services

| Fiscal Year 2020 | | | |
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| Totals through April 19, 2020 | | | |
| (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30) | | | |
| General Fund Income | \$ 711,520 | | |
| Designated Giving | \$ 135,258 | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 677,985 | | |
| Net Surplus or (Deficit) | \$ 168,793 | | |

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