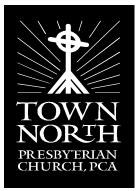
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"It is a wonder sinners can ever read their Bible with dry eyes."

- Matthew Henry, Commentary on the Bible, Judges 2:5.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

- PEOPLE: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
- PASTOR: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
- PEOPLE: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- PASTOR: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
- PEOPLE: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 34 (vv 1-6)

The God of Abraham Praise

- The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, Ancient of everlasting days and God of love. Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.
- ² The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
 I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r, and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.
- ³ He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend; I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
 I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

- 4 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest, a land of sacred liberty and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.
- ⁵ There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace. On Zion's sacred heights his kingdom he maintains, and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.
- ⁶ The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

from Psalm 145

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Joshua 24:14-15

PASTOR: "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Based on Daniel 9:1-19

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love ALL: with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have scorned your commands and laws. We have refused to give heed to your Word which your servants speak in your name. Lord, you are in the right, but this day we are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. O God, you are merciful and forgiving. Yet we have not sought your favor by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from us, the people whom you have called into covenant. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O God, do not delay, since your Church and your people bear your Name.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Hebrews 4:14-16

PASTOR: 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. For we do not have 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 sin. 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.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; you offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own; here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne. Oh, we're falling before your throne.

Chorus (x 2)

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Q&A 31-32 (Modern English Version)

- PASTOR: With whom was the covenant of grace made?
- ALL: The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam and through him with all the elect as his seed.

PASTOR: How is God's grace revealed in the second covenant?

ALL: His grace is revealed in the second covenant by God freely providing and making available to sinners a mediator and through him life and salvation. God uses faith as the only way for sinners to become united to him; he promises and gives his Holy Spirit to all his elect in order to bring about this faith in them along with all the other saving graces and in order to make it possible for them to be holy and obedient, as proof of the truth of their faith and thankfulness to God and as the way he has established for them to be saved.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

- Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- ² Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.
- ³ Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Wayne Bowman

Judges 2:6-15

When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. ⁷ And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the LORD had done for Israel. ⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of 110 years. ⁹ And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. ¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹² And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³ They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. ¹⁴ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. ¹⁵ Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"Walking by Faith in Our Generation"

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Congregation

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of his promise in their hearts of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost, to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Chorus

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

Chorus (x 2)

* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. 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

"Walking by Faith in Our Generation" Judges 2:6-15

Next Week: Text: Judges 2:16-23

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Sunday Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream TNT Youth Group Meeting—TNPC Outside	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study—by Zoom Conference Ladies Evening Study—CE Rm 201 & by Zoom Conference	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom Conference Men's Bible study—by Zoom Conference	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE

SANCTUARY (PUBLIC) AND BY LIVESTREAM

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

{PUBLIC SERVICE OBSERVING COMMUNITY DISEASE (CORONAVIRUS) CONTROL GUIDELINES}

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, September 27th. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

LIFE*Change* **OFFERING** — This special offering for our missionaries is being collected today. You may mail your check or make your donation via *PayPal*, specified "LIFE*Change*".

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER 7:00 PM - BY ZOOM

TNPC Ladies' Fall Bible Study

The 1-2 Timothy and Titus study continues each Tuesday at 6:30 pm in CE 200 and via Zoom each Tuesday at 9:30 am and at 6:30 pm. Email Bonlee for more info: **bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com**

Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies,

and other small groups are meeting by Zoom conferencing <u>or in homes</u> at leader & group discretion. The following ministry activities are CANCELLED for the weeks to come until further notice:

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

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