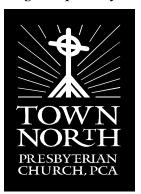
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

October 4, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"Another mark of growth in grace is increased spirituality of taste and mind... The ways and fashions and amusements and recreations of the world have a continually decreasing place in his heart. He does not condemn them as downright sinful, nor say that those who have anything to do with them are going to hell. He only feels that they have a constantly diminishing hold on his own affections and gradually seem smaller and more trifling in his eyes."

- J. C. Ryle, *Holiness*, Evangelical Press, 1993, p. 87.

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 Andrew Cies

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 18

PASTOR: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

PEOPLE: The LORD is our rock and our fortress and our deliverer,

our God, our rock, in whom we take refuge,

our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

PASTOR: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,

and I am saved from my enemies.

PEOPLE: The LORD lives, and blessed be our rock,

and exalted be the God of our salvation-

ALL: For this we will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

and sing to your name.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 92 (vv 1-4)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
- 2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

 Dost ask who that may be?

 Christ Jesus, it is he,

 Lord Sabaoth his name,
 from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.
- 3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

 The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.
- 4 That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Proverbs 3:5-6

PASTOR: Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL:

O Gracious God, you are worthy of our worship and trust; yet we confess that we have devoted ourselves to the powers and priorities of this world. Though we do not call them idols, they are the same thing, for they keep us from trusting you as our only source of purpose and strength and hope.

Make us to see our divided hearts, and where we have turned away from you. Forgive our sins, though they are great. Cleanse us, O Lord, that we will be, in truth, Your people, wholly devoted to you. In Christ we pray, Amen.

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

Isaiah 53:4-6

PASTOR: Surely he has borne our griefs

and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions;

he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have turned—every one—to his own way;

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 246 (vv 1-5)

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Man of Sorrows! what a name For the Son of God, who came Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior! Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

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."

Judges 3:1-11

Now these are the nations that the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan. ² It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before. ³ These are the nations: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath. ⁴ They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. ⁵ So the people of Israel lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁶ And their daughters they took to themselves for wives, and their own daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods.

⁷ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. ⁸ Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹ But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰ The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. ¹¹ So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

"The Danger of Following the World's Way"

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Chorus

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home.

* BENEDICTION Jude 24-25 (NIV)

PASTOR:

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Ensemble music: CCLI\#89171} \qquad \textit{Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.}$

SERMON NOTES

"The Danger of Following the World's Way"

Judges 3:1-11

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

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

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

COMMUNION — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, October 11th. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

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.

Session Meeting Tuesday, October 6

Questions or Concerns? Please contact Pastor Rogers at david.rogers@tnpc.org

The following ministry activities are CANCELLED for the weeks to come until further notice:

- Communicants Class
- Covenant Clubhouse
- Choir & Ensemble practices
- Visitors Lunch & Kid's Lunch
- Most On-campus Bible Studies
 & Prayer Teams
- Evening Lord's Supper services

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