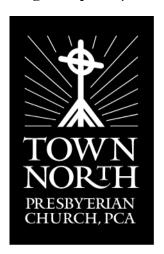
Town North is a community of disciples making disciples of Jesus.



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

March 14, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"Can we wish, if it were possible, to walk in a path strewed with flowers when His was strewed with thorns?"

-John Newton, <u>The Works of John Newton</u>, v. 1, 1985, Banner of Truth, Carlisle, PA, p. 230.

"The servant of Christ must never be surprised if he has to drink of the same cup with His Lord."

-J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of Mark*, Chapter 6.

PRELUDE

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Col 1:15-16; Phil 2:6-11

LEADER: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of all creation.

PEOPLE: For by him all things were created,

in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—

all things were created through him and for him.

LEADER: Though he was in the form of God,

he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but he emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,

being born in the likeness of men.

PEOPLE: And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to the point of death,

even death on a cross.

LEADER: Therefore God has highly exalted him

and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

ALL: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 455 (vv 1, 3-5)

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, (so free, so infinite his grace!) humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:11

LEADER: Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Lord Jesus you have served us, and called us to serve.

We confess that we have not served you or others as we ought.

We confess that we are often too self-consumed to serve.

We confess that we often resent the role of serving.

Forgive us, and make us more like you.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

Matthew 20:28

LEADER: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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 347 (vv 1-3, 5, 6)

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Matthew 20:17-28

And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." 22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." 23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

What Does It Mean That the First Will Be Last?

THE LORD'S SUPPER (Please hold the elements until everyone is served.

Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: he the perfect Son of Man, in his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man, Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory! See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold, bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry: slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when he comes.

* BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:58

PASTOR: Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is

not in vain. Amen.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

What Does It Mean That the First Will Be Last? Matthew 20:17-28

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Next Week:		

Text: Matthew 20:29-34

Preacher: Hamid, Pastoral Intern

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SANCTUARY AND BY LIVESTREAM

LIVESTREAM ACCESS: 1. Go to the Town North website: www.tnpc.org

2. Click on the box that says: "Livestream".

LEBANON PROJECT — To support Pastor Imad Aubrey's ministry in Lebanon, please write checks payable to Town North Presbyterian Church with "Lebanon Project" on the memo line.

SUPPORTING OUR MERCY MINISTRY — Your gracious donations, specified "Deacons Fund," allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

LIFECHANGE OFFERING — Supports our missions efforts. To make a donation, specify "LifeChange" on your check or with your e-gift.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — The 2021 schedule for sanctuary flowers is in the narthex. Please sign up if you would like to purchase an arrangement (minimum cost is \$55). Contact Judy Dawson (judydawson46@gmail.com) for more information.

EASTER DINNER INVITATION — The Rogers family invites anyone interested to join them for an outdoor Easter meal following worship on Easter Sunday, April 4. If interested, please call, email, or text Kelly at 469-371-1904 or kellyrogers102090@gmail.com.

Fiscal Year 2021 Totals through March 7, 2021

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

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Total Expenses \$630,594
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