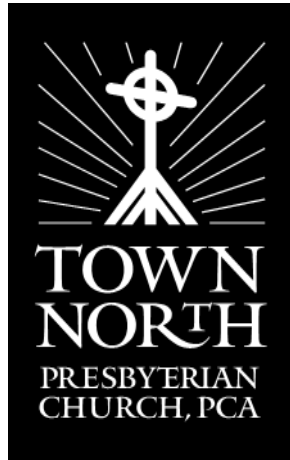


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

April 18, 2021 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

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

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Andrew Cies, Pastor

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 28:6-9

PASTOR: Blessed be the LORD!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

PEOPLE: **The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.**

PASTOR: The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

PEOPLE: **Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Matthew 21:21-22

PASTOR: And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess to you that we are filled with doubts instead of faith. Forgive us for our unbelief. Please, in your mercy, cause our faith to grow. Amen.

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

Psalm 103:1-5

ALL: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer,
whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,
and hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:
the Lamb who is my righteousness,
the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer.
My life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another,
I'm satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
his faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by his grace,
my feet are firm held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer,
who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness,
his triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me it will be paradise,
his face forever to behold,
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RECEIVING NEW COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

*Brian Schreiber
Olivia Schreiber*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Schlimme, Elder

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 528 (vv 1-4)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine:
now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.

When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Hitt, Elder

Matthew 21:18-22

In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" ²¹ And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. ²² And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

What Leads Us to Spiritual Barrenness or Spiritual Fruitfulness?

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)

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.

SERMON NOTES

What Leads Us to Spiritual Barrenness or Spiritual Fruitfulness?

Matthew 21:18-22

Next Week:

Text: Matthew 21:23-27

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

How Firm a Foundation

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ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary & by Livestream</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study— <i>by Zoom</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Ladies Evening Study— <i>CE Rm 201 & by Zoom</i>	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer— <i>by Zoom</i>	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men’s Bible Study— <i>by Zoom</i>	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”.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING—Are given by Davene Morgan in honor of her mother who loves Jesus and has faithfully served His church for many decades.

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, “Deacons Fund,” on the memo line, allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

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

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP — Please sign up in the narthex to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship. Arrangements start at \$55. Contact Judy Dawson (214-384-9729) if you have any questions.

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Totals through April 11, 2021

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

General Fund Income	\$ 987,083
Designated Giving	\$ 94,666
Total Expenses	\$ 713,064
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