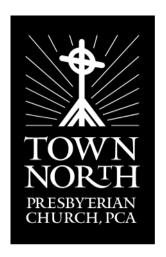
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

April 25, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"He was despised and rejected by men..." (Isaiah 53:3)

"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him." (John 1:11)

PRELUDE

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

David Rogers, Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 1:1-4

PASTOR: Long ago, at many times and in many ways,

God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

PEOPLE: but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

PASTOR: He is the radiance of the glory of God

and the exact imprint of his nature,

and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

PEOPLE: After making purification for sins,

he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

having become as much superior to angels

as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

* SONG OF PRAISE

Ensemble & Congregation

This Is Our God

God, our Father, full of power; maker of the heavens, maker of the world. Forming all things, seen and unseen, truly the Almighty beyond all measured worth. Holy is his name.

Chorus

We believe the Lord our God is One: Father, Spirit, Son; this is our God! We believe forever he will reign, let the church proclaim: "this is our God!"

Our Lord Jesus sent to save us; born unto a virgin, lived a perfect life. Greatly suffered, dying for us; from the grave he's risen, seated now on high. Holy is his name.

Spirit, holy, one in glory; speaking through the prophets, empowering the church. Life is given by and through him; with the Son and Father, worshiped and adored. Holy is his name.

^{*} PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Children's Catechism Q&A 66, 69

PASTOR: How is Christ a prophet?

ALL: Because he teaches us the will of God.

PASTOR: Why do you need Christ as a prophet?

ALL: Because I am ignorant.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Hebrews 3:7-12

PASTOR: Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

"Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,

on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;

they have not known my ways.'

As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest."

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart,

leading you to fall away from the living God.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Lord God you have revealed yourself to us in your Son, but we have been slow to listen. Forgive us for our hard hearts. Restore us and teach us to obey your commands, tremble at your warnings, and embrace your life-giving promises. In the name of Christ we pray, 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

Luke 4:17-19, 21

PASTOR: And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to [Jesus]. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Ensemble & Congregation

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Joel Aguilar, Elder

Matthew 21:23-27

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

Rejected by Men

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

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

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord; by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress; many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.

Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

* 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

SERMON NOTES

Rejected by Men Matthew 21:23-27

Next Week: Text: Matthew 21:28-32		

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

This Is Our God

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream	10:30 a.m.
	Officers' Prayer for Congregation—Admin Rm 103	12:00 p.m.
	Youth Group	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.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—by Zoom	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	Ministry Leaders Meeting—Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.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, "Deacons Fund," on the memo line, 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 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.

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through April 18, 2021

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

General Fund Income \$ 994,779
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