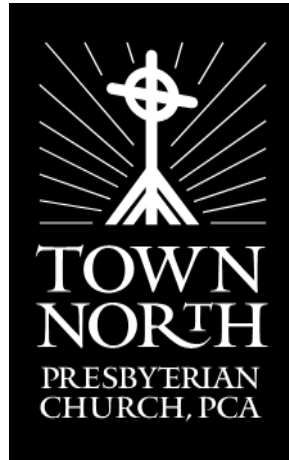


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*August 1, 2021 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

***“Holy can be defined as ‘separate,’ ‘set apart,’ ‘distinct,’ or ‘uncontaminated.’ In reference to God, ‘holy’ means that he is different from us. None of His attributes can be understood by comparison to his creatures... Holiness is not one of many attributes of God. It is his essential nature and seen in all his qualities.”***

*-Edward Welch, When People are Big and God is Small, P&R Publishing, 1997, p. 98.*

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

*(Please sign, pass & return black pad at the end of the aisle)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Revelation 4-5*

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!

PEOPLE: **Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.**

LEADER: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!

PEOPLE: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 100 (vv 1-4)*

***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
  
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
  
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
  
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Isaiah 6:3, 5*

LEADER: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"  
"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips,  
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my  
eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12*

**ALL:**       **Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
In Jesus name, 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

*Isaiah 6:6-7*

**LEADER:**   Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal  
that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth  
and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and  
your sin atoned for."

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 500 (vv 1-4)*

***Rock of Ages***

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP VOWS

*Karuna Joy Kotak*

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***Come Praise and Glorify***

1 Come praise and glorify our God,  
the Father of our Lord.  
In Christ, he has in heav'nly realms,  
his blessings on us poured.  
For pure and blameless in his sight  
he destined us to be,  
and now we've been adopted through  
his Son eternally.

2 Come praise and glorify our God,  
who gives his grace in Christ.  
In him our sins are washed away  
redeemed through sacrifice.  
In him God has made known to us  
the myst'ry of his will:  
that Christ should be the head of all,  
his purpose to fulfill.

**Chorus**

To the praise of your glory,  
to the praise of your mercy and grace,  
to the praise of your glory  
you are the God who saves!

3 Come praise and glorify our God,  
for we've believed the Word  
and through our faith we have a seal,  
the Spirit of the Lord.  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
until redemption's done,  
until we join in endless praise  
to God the Three in One.

**1 Samuel 6:1-7:2**

The ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. <sup>2</sup> And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said, “What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us with what we shall send it to its place.” <sup>3</sup> They said, “If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty, but by all means return him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand does not turn away from you.” <sup>4</sup> And they said, “What is the guilt offering that we shall return to him?” They answered, “Five golden tumors and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, for the same plague was on all of you and on your lords. <sup>5</sup> So you must make images of your tumors and images of your mice that ravage the land, and give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you and your gods and your land. <sup>6</sup> Why should you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? After he had dealt severely with them, did they not send the people away, and they departed? <sup>7</sup> Now then, take and prepare a new cart and two milk cows on which there has never come a yoke, and yoke the cows to the cart, but take their calves home, away from them. <sup>8</sup> And take the ark of the LORD and place it on the cart and put in a box at its side the figures of gold, which you are returning to him as a guilt offering. Then send it off and let it go its way <sup>9</sup> and watch. If it goes up on the way to its own land, to Beth-shemesh, then it is he who has done us this great harm, but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that struck us; it happened to us by coincidence.”

<sup>10</sup> The men did so, and took two milk cows and yoked them to the cart and shut up their calves at home. <sup>11</sup> And they put the ark of the LORD on the cart and the box with the golden mice and the images of their tumors. <sup>12</sup> And the cows went straight in the direction of Beth-shemesh along one highway, lowing as they went. They turned neither to the right nor to the left, and the lords of the Philistines went after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh. <sup>13</sup> Now the people of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it. <sup>14</sup> The cart came into the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh and stopped there. A great stone was there. And they split up the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was beside it, in which were the golden figures, and set them upon the great stone. And the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to the LORD. <sup>16</sup> And when the five lords of the Philistines saw it, they returned that day to Ekron.

<sup>17</sup> These are the golden tumors that the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for

Gath, one for Ekron, <sup>18</sup> and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both fortified cities and unwallled villages. The great stone beside which they set down the ark of the LORD is a witness to this day in the field of Joshua of Beth-shemesh.

<sup>19</sup> And he struck some of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked upon the ark of the LORD. He struck seventy men of them, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great blow. <sup>20</sup> Then the men of Beth-shemesh said, "Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? And to whom shall he go up away from us?" <sup>21</sup> So they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the ark of the LORD. Come down and take it up to you."

**7** And the men of Kiriath-jearim came and took up the ark of the LORD and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated his son Eleazar to have charge of the ark of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> From the day that the ark was lodged at Kiriath-jearim, a long time passed, some twenty years, and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

#### APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*Imad Aubrey,  
Pastor to Lebanon and the Middle East*

#### ***The Return***

#### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Ensemble & Congregation*

#### ***Before the Throne of God Above***

<sup>1</sup> Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

<sup>3</sup> Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless Righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

<sup>2</sup> When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me.

\* BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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*The Return*

*1 Samuel 6:1-7:2*

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***Next Week:***

*Text: 1 Samuel 7:3-17*

Preacher: Andrew Cies, Pastor

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***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

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***Rock of Ages***

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Evening Communion — Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Youth Mid-Week Meet up—in person</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Men’s Bible Study—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Men’s Leader Development Class</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>

*Church activity calendar is available on-line at [www.tnpc.org/events](http://www.tnpc.org/events)*

### LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)
2. Click on the box that says: “Livestream Audio”.

**COMMUNION** — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, August 8. Please prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD’s table.

**THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING** — Are given by Gay Bethel in loving memory of her husband, Gene, and all of the other Town North saints who have gone before us.

**TNPC VISITING MISSIONARY** — Betsy Aeschliman, our medical missionary, is worshipping with us today!

**MEHR MINISTRIES CONFERENCE** — Register online for the Open House and Launch Party on Friday, September 17 to hear about the gospel work being done among Farsi-speakers in Iran and around the world. Registration is free. For more information or to RSVP, please use this link: <https://mehrministries.org/2021plano/> or speak to Hamid.

**EVENING COMMUNION TONIGHT** — At 6:00 pm, we will worship and celebrate the Lord’s Supper together as we receive new communicant members.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** — Join us Tuesdays this fall, beginning August 24, as we study the book of Revelation. Questions? Contact Bonlee Rawley at [bonlee\\_rawley@hotmail.com](mailto:bonlee_rawley@hotmail.com).

For more information and to register, please use the following link:



### Fiscal Year 2022

#### Totals through July 25, 2021

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>63,964</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,656</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69,055</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,565</b>

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