

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



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

*September 4, 2022 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

*“Two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self. The former, in a word, glories in itself, the latter in the Lord. For the one seeks glory from men; but the greatest glory of the other is God, the witness of conscience. The one lifts up its head in its own glory; the other says to its God, You are my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.”*

-Augustine, City of God, 14.28.

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Wayne Bowman, Elder*

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 94 & 99*

LEADER: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: **The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

LEADER: O LORD, God of vengeance,  
O God of vengeance, shine forth!

PEOPLE: **Rise up, O judge of the earth;  
repay to the proud what they deserve!**

LEADER: The King in his might loves justice.

PEOPLE: **You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

LEADER: Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!

PEOPLE: **Holy is he!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* 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!

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Nahum 1*

LEADER: The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;  
the LORD is avenging and wrathful;  
the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries  
and keeps wrath for his enemies.  
Who can stand before his indignation?  
Who can endure the heat of his anger?  
His wrath is poured out like fire,  
and the rocks are broken into pieces by him.  
The LORD is good,  
a stronghold in the day of trouble;  
he knows those who take refuge in him.  
But with an overflowing flood  
he will make a complete end of the adversaries,  
and will pursue his enemies into darkness.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL: Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we confess before your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable by ourselves to do any good, breaking your holy commandments again and again. Therefore, we rightly deserve your wrath against sin. But, O Lord! with heartfelt sorrow, we repent and hate our misdeeds. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true repentance, asking that your grace may relieve our distress. 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

*Romans 5:6-11*

LEADER: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

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| <p>1 Let us love and sing and wonder,<br/>let us praise the Savior's name!<br/>He has hushed the law's loud thunder,<br/>he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he has brought us nigh to God.</p> <p>2 Let us love the Lord who bought us,<br/>pitied us when enemies,<br/>called us by his grace, and taught us,<br/>gave us ears and gave us eyes:<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he has washed us with his blood,<br/>he presents our souls to God.</p> | <p>3 Let us wonder; grace and justice<br/>join and point to mercy's store;<br/>when through grace in Christ our trust is,<br/>justice smiles and asks no more:<br/>he who washed us with his blood,<br/>he who washed us with his blood,<br/>he who washed us with his blood,<br/>has secured our way to God.</p> <p>4 Let us praise, and join the chorus<br/>of the saints enthroned on high;<br/>here they trusted him before us,<br/>now their praises fill the sky:<br/>thou hast washed us with thy blood,<br/>thou hast washed us with thy blood,<br/>thou hast washed us with thy blood,<br/>thou art worthy Lamb of God.</p> |
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PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Wayne Bowman, Elder*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Ensemble & Congregation*

*Show Us Christ*

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| <p>1 Prepare our hearts, O God.<br/>Help us to receive.<br/>Break the hard and stony ground,<br/>help our unbelief.<br/>Plant your Word down deep in us;<br/>cause it to bear fruit.<br/>Open up our ears to hear,<br/>lead us in your truth.</p> | <p>2 Your Word is living light<br/>upon our darkened eyes.<br/>Guards us through temptations,<br/>makes the simple wise.<br/>Your Word is food for famished ones,<br/>freedom for the slave;<br/>riches for the needy soul.<br/>Come speak to us today.</p> |
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**Chorus**

Show us Christ, show us Christ.  
O God, reveal your glory,  
through the preaching of your Word;  
until every heart confesses, "Christ is Lord!"

**Chorus**

**Bridge (x 3)**

Where else can we go, Lord?  
Where else can we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.

**Chorus**

***Revelation 18***

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he called out with a mighty voice,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a dwelling place for demons,  
a haunt for every unclean spirit,  
a haunt for every unclean bird,  
a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.

<sup>3</sup> For all nations have drunk  
the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality,  
and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her,  
and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her  
luxurious living.”

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard another voice from heaven saying,

“Come out of her, my people,

lest you take part in her sins,  
lest you share in her plagues;

<sup>5</sup> for her sins are heaped high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.

<sup>6</sup> Pay her back as she herself has paid back others,  
and repay her double for her deeds;  
mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

<sup>7</sup> As she glorified herself and lived in luxury,  
so give her a like measure of torment and mourning,  
since in her heart she says,

‘I sit as a queen,  
I am no widow,  
and mourning I shall never see.’

<sup>8</sup> For this reason her plagues will come in a single day,  
death and mourning and famine,  
and she will be burned up with fire;  
for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.”

<sup>9</sup> And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning.

<sup>10</sup> They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say,

“Alas! Alas! You great city,  
you mighty city, Babylon!  
For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

<sup>11</sup> And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup> cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup> cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls.

<sup>14</sup> “The fruit for which your soul longed  
has gone from you,  
and all your delicacies and your splendors  
are lost to you,  
never to be found again!”

<sup>15</sup> The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud,

<sup>16</sup> “Alas, alas, for the great city  
that was clothed in fine linen,  
in purple and scarlet,  
adorned with gold,  
with jewels, and with pearls!

<sup>17</sup> For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste.”

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup> and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning,

“What city was like the great city?”

<sup>19</sup> And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out,

“Alas, alas, for the great city  
where all who had ships at sea  
grew rich by her wealth!

For in a single hour she has been laid waste.

<sup>20</sup> Rejoice over her, O heaven,  
and you saints and apostles and prophets,  
for God has given judgment for you against her!”

<sup>21</sup> Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying,

“So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence,  
and will be found no more;

<sup>22</sup> and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters,

will be heard in you no more,  
and a craftsman of any craft  
will be found in you no more,  
and the sound of the mill

will be heard in you no more,  
<sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp  
will shine in you no more,  
and the voice of bridegroom and bride  
will be heard in you no more,  
for your merchants were the great ones of the earth,  
and all nations were deceived by your sorcery.  
<sup>24</sup>And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints,  
and of all who have been slain on earth.”

APPLYING GOD’S WORD

*Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell,  
Executive Director, RTS Dallas*

***“A Tale of Two Cities: Babylon and Jerusalem”***

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*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.

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.

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.

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.

\* CLOSING PRAYER

*Wayne Bowman, Elder*

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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*“A Tale of Two Cities: Babylon and Jerusalem”*

*Revelation 18*

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**Next Week:**

Text: *Revelation 21*

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark McDowell, Executive Director, RTS Dallas

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

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***Rock of Ages***

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship— <i>Worship Center</i>	10:30 a.m.
	Visitors Lunch— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	12:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b> — <i>Church Office Closed</i>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Ladies' Morning Bible Study— <i>CE Rm 200</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Session Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Ladies' Evening Bible Study— <i>CE Rm 200</i>	6:30 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Prayer— <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	7:00 p.m.
	Youth Midweek Meetup— <i>Admin Upstairs</i>	7:00 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Men's Bible Study— <i>Admin Rm 103</i>	6:30 p.m.

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### LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

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

**VISITOR LUNCH** — Join us for lunch today, immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are especially welcome!

**COMMUNION** — Will be celebrated next Sunday morning, September 11. Prepare your hearts and minds and relationships to approach the LORD's table.

**RUF-INTERNATIONAL AT UTD** — Labor Day Picnic tomorrow, September 5 from 5pm-7pm at Cottonwood Park! Help give students rides, bring food, and more as we welcome the nations. If you have questions, please email [rufiunivoftxdallas@ruf.org](mailto:rufiunivoftxdallas@ruf.org). [Registration—>](#)



**LADIES BIBLE STUDY** — Join us Tuesdays at 9:30am or 6:30pm, beginning this Tuesday, September 6, as we spend the year studying the book of Isaiah. Child care is available for the morning sessions. Register in the Narthex or email: [Bonlee\\_Rawley@hotmail.com](mailto:Bonlee_Rawley@hotmail.com). Books are available for \$12.

**COVENANT CLUBHOUSE** — Catechism training for children ages 4 through 6th grade will resume Sunday, September 11, 5pm-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register here>>>>:



**TNPC 50TH ANNIVERSARY** — Worship and celebration of God's faithfulness, Saturday, November 5, 4pm-7pm. For more information and RSVP:



### Fiscal Year 2023

#### Totals through August 28, 2022

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>95,154</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,769</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>304,497</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(174,574)</b>

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