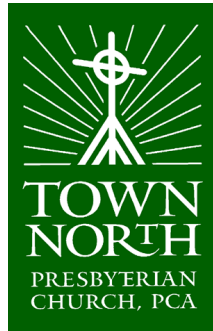


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*April 16, 2023 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

*“How much of hell is there in the temperament of an envious man! The happiness of another is his misery; the good of another is his affliction. He looks upon the virtue of another with an evil eye, and is as sorry at the praise of another as if that praise were taken away from himself. Envy makes him a hater of his neighbor, and his own tormentor.”*

-Nathaniel Vincent, *A Discourse Concerning Love*, 1684.

PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 47:6-9*

LEADER: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**PEOPLE: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!**

LEADER: God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.

**PEOPLE: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 296 (vv 1-5)*

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***

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| 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!<br>Let angels prostrate fall;<br>bring forth the royal diadem,<br>and crown him Lord of all;<br>bring forth the royal diadem,<br>and crown him Lord of all.           | 4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget<br>the wormwood and the gall,<br>go, spread your trophies at his feet,<br>and crown him Lord of all;<br>go, spread your trophies at his feet,<br>and crown him Lord of all. |
| 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,<br>who from his altar call;<br>extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,<br>and crown him Lord of all;<br>extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,<br>and crown him Lord of all.           | 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,<br>on this terrestrial ball,<br>to him all majesty ascribe,<br>and crown him Lord of all;<br>to him all majesty ascribe,<br>and crown him Lord of all.                           |
| 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br>ye ransomed of the fall,<br>hail him who saves you by his grace,<br>and crown him Lord of all;<br>hail him who saves you by his grace,<br>and crown him Lord of all. |  |

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*James 3:14-18*

LEADER: But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, we confess that there are times when the success or happiness of others causes us misery rather than joy. We confess there are times when we don't like to see others receive praise that we would like for ourselves. Forgive us for the sin of jealousy which so easily entangles us.**

## 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

*John 3:36*

LEADER: Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 521 (vv. 1-4)*

### ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### **Chorus**

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

## PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***Come, People of the Risen King***

1 Come, people of the Risen King,  
who delight to bring him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

2 Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For his perfect love will never change,  
and his mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

**Chorus**

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice;  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

3 Come, young and old from ev'ry land—  
men and women of the faith;  
come those with full or empty hands—  
find the riches of his grace.  
Over all the world, his people sing—  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
“Our God is all in all!”

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Joel Aguilar, Elder*

***John 3:22-36***

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. <sup>23</sup> John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized <sup>24</sup> (for John had not yet been put in prison).

<sup>25</sup> Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.” <sup>27</sup> John answered, “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ <sup>29</sup> The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease.”

<sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all. <sup>32</sup> He bears witness to what he has seen and heard,

yet no one receives his testimony. <sup>33</sup> Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. <sup>36</sup> Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

#### APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*David Rogers, Pastor*

#### ***"There is Only One who is Great"***

#### \* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Ensemble & Congregation*

#### ***To Christ, the Lord, Let Every Tongue***

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| <p>1 To Christ, the Lord, let ev'ry tongue,<br/>its noblest tribute bring.<br/>When he's the subject of the song,<br/>who can refuse to sing?<br/>Survey the beauties of his face,<br/>and on his glories dwell;<br/>think of the wonder of his grace,<br/>and all his triumphs tell.</p> | <p>3 To him I owe my life and breath<br/>and all the joys I have;<br/>he makes me triumph over death<br/>and saves me from the grave.<br/>To Heaven the place of his abode,<br/>he brings my weary feet;<br/>shows me the glories of my God,<br/>and makes my joy complete.</p>      |
| <p>2 He saw me plunged in deep distress;<br/>he fled to my relief.<br/>For me he bore the shameful cross<br/>and carried all my grief.<br/>His hand a thousand blessings pours<br/>upon my guilty head:<br/>his presence gilds my darkest hours,<br/>and guards my sleeping bed.</p>      | <p>4 Since from his bounty I receive<br/>such proofs of love divine,<br/>had I a thousand hearts to give,<br/>Lord, they would all be thine.<br/>A thousand men could not compose<br/>a worthy song to bring;<br/>yet your love is a melody,<br/>our hearts can't help but sing!</p> |

#### \* BENEDICTION

*Jude 24-25*

PASTOR: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

#### POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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*“There is Only One who is Great”*

*John 3:22-36*

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***Next Week:***  
**Text:** *John 4:1-26*  
**Preacher:** David Rogers, Pastor

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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Prayer for Worship—Worship Center</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>
	<b>Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Worship—Worship Center</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Officers' Prayer for Congregation—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Covenant Clubhouse—Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Youth Group—Admin Bldg</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Ladies' Morning Bible Study—CE Rm 201</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>Ladies' Evening Bible Study—CE Rm 201</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Prayer—Admin Rm 103</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—Admin Rm 103</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Women's Spring Luncheon—Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>

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**WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON** — Join TNPC Women this Saturday, April 22 at 12:00pm in Fellowship Hall for a Spring Luncheon. RSVP by today, April 16 to Susan Jeffery at [csjeffery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csjeffery@sbcglobal.net) or 214-293-8983.

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**PREACHING AND TEACHING CONFERENCE** — Seminary professors Dr. Greg Beale and Dr. Ben Gladd will teach methods of interpretation for the New Testament use of the Old Testament on Friday, April 28, 8:00am-9:00pm at The Hope Center in Plano. This conference will be helpful for anyone who preaches or teaches the Scripture.



#### **Fiscal Year 2023**

#### **Totals through April 9, 2023**

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 768,953</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 147,173</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,247,572</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (331,446)</b>

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