

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



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

*May 28, 2023 10:30 A.M.*

REFLECTION

***“His banner over me was love’ (Song 2:4)...Christ has a banner for his saints; and that is love. All their protection is from his love; and they shall have all the protection his love can give them. This safeguards them from hell, death – all their enemies. Whatever presses on them, it must pass through the banner of the love of the Lord Jesus. They have, then, great spiritual safety; which is another ornament or excellency of their communion with him.”***

-John Owen, *Communion with the God*, Eds. Kelly Kapic and Justin Taylor, Crossway, 2007, p. 141.

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

*from Psalm 95*

LEADER: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

PEOPLE: **For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

LEADER: Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

PEOPLE: **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 53 (vv 1-5)*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen, sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Hebrews 3:12-14*

LEADER: Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

## 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 53:12*

LEADER: Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## \* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 55 (vv 1-3)*

### ***To God Be the Glory***

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

### **Refrain**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## RECEIVING NEW COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

*Lincoln Anderson  
Sarah Bridgeforth  
Caedmon Hendricks  
Flannery Hendricks  
Wesley Hendricks*

### ***Membership Vows***

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Lincoln Anderson*

## PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Ensemble & Congregation*

### ***Speak, O Lord***

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

*(Continued...)*

3 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

*John 5:30-47*

“I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. <sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. <sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. <sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. <sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. <sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, <sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. <sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, <sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. <sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people. <sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. <sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. <sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? <sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. <sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*David Rogers, Pastor*

***“Jesus: The Advocate, Not the Accuser”***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Grape juice is in the purple cups in the center of the tray. Wine is in the clear cups around the outside of the tray. The matzo bread is gluten free.*

*Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Used cups may be placed in the baskets in the narthex after the service.*

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Ensemble & Congregation*

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

1 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.

3 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.

2 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

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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*“Jesus: The Advocate, Not the Accuser”*

*John 5:30-47*

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***Next Week:***

**Text:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

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

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***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***  
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## ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Prayer for Worship—Worship Center</b> <b>Sunday School for all ages—CE Bldg</b> <b>Worship—Worship Center</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Memorial Day Holiday—Church Office Closed</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>

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

### LIVESTREAM AUDIO ACCESS

1. Go to [www.tnpc.org](http://www.tnpc.org)
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**VISITOR LUNCH** — Make plans to join us next Sunday, June 4, immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite dish serving 10-12 people. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Visitors are especially welcome! If you’d like to volunteer to help, please contact DeAnne Schlimme ([dschlimme64@gmail.com](mailto:dschlimme64@gmail.com)).

**LADIES’ SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** — Each week in June and July, we will explore one parable. Drop in to join the discussion any week you are available. No registration or study guide necessary and no childcare will be offered. We will meet on Tuesdays starting June 6 at 9:30am and 6:30pm in Admin Rm 103.

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP 2023** — Sign up sheet for Flowers for Sunday Worship is now available in the narthex. Minimum price is \$72. For more information, contact Judy Dawson at 214-384-9729.

#### **Fiscal Year 2023**

#### **Totals through May 21, 2023**

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

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 869,840</b>
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$ 161,263</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,386,542</b>
<b>Net Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (355,439)</b>

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