

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



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

June 11, 2023 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

“All other freedoms, once won, soon turn into new servitude. Christ is the only liberator whose liberation lasts forever.”

-Malcolm Muggeridge, Jesus Rediscovered, Doubleday, 1969, p. 6.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

David Rogers, Pastor

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 45

LEADER: My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;
I address my verses to the king;
my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

PEOPLE: **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

LEADER: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

PEOPLE: **I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* SONG OF PRAISE

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.

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!”

Chorus

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

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 John 2:15-17

LEADER: Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28

LEADER: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Ensemble & Congregation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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| 1 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
in the dawning of the King.
He, the theme of heaven's praises,
robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us. | 3 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners
hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold,
bringing many sons to glory:
grace unmeasured, love untold! |
| 2 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
he the perfect Son of Man,
in his living, in his suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
of the law; in him we stand. | 4 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry:
slain by death, the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him;
praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes. |

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 25, Section 2*

The visible church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Kristen Bauder

Dorinda Beale

Dan & Michelle Fredrickson; Abigail, John, Amanda & Josiah

Taylor Hamilton

Jim Lewin

Paul & Susan Smith

Madison York

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?

OLD TESTAMENT READING

David Rogers, Pastor

Psalm 16

A Miktam of David.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord:

I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

Continued...

- 6 The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- 7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- 10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- 11 You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 599 (vv 1-4)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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| <p>1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.</p> | <p>3 Thou has promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.</p> |
| <p>2 We are thine; do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray.</p> | <p>4 Early let us seek thy favor;
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.</p> |

* SCRIPTURE READING

David Rogers, Pastor

1 Samuel 18:1-5

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ² And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³ Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴ And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵ And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

David Rogers, Pastor

"A Kingdom that Cannot be Shaken"

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 after the service.

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 311 (vv 1-4)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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| 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity. | 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow. |
| 2 He comes with comfort speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight. | 4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever—
that name to us is Love. |

* BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

“A Kingdom that Cannot be Shaken”

Next Week:
Text: *1 Samuel 18:6-16*

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