

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



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

*August 6, 2023 10:30 A.M.*

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

*from Psalm 18*

LEADER: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

PEOPLE: **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

LEADER: I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

PEOPLE: **For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,  
and sing to your name.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* SONG OF PRAISE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***Across the Lands***

1 You're the Word of God the Father  
from before the world began;  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet  
has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together  
by the power of your voice;  
let the skies declare your glory,  
let the land and seas rejoice.

2 Yet you left the gaze of angels,  
came to seek and save the lost;  
and exchanged the joy of heaven  
for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry,  
with a word you stilled the sea;  
yet how silently you suffered  
that the guilty may go free.

**Chorus**

You're the author of creation,  
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,  
and your cry of love rings out  
across the lands!

3 With a shout you rose victorious,  
wresting victory from the grave,  
and ascended into heaven  
leading captives in your wake.  
Now you stand before the Father,  
interceding for your own,  
from each tribe and tongue and nation,  
you are leading sinners home.

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

*Isaiah 1:18*

LEADER: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD:  
"though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we humbly confess our sins and transgressions, and ask for mercy. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Psalm 34:17-18; Isaiah 53:5*

LEADER: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Ensemble & Congregation*

***My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness***

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| <p>1 My heart is filled with thankfulness<br/>to him who bore my pain;<br/>who plumbed the depths of my disgrace<br/>and gave me life again;<br/>who crushed my curse of sinfulness<br/>and clothed me in his light,<br/>and wrote his law of righteousness<br/>with pow'r upon my heart.</p> <p>2 My heart is filled with thankfulness<br/>to him who walks beside;<br/>who floods my weaknesses with strength<br/>and causes fears to fly;<br/>whose ev'ry promise is enough<br/>for ev'ry step I take,<br/>sustaining me with arms of love<br/>and crowning me with grace.</p> | <p>3 My heart is filled with thankfulness<br/>to him who reigns above,<br/>whose wisdom is my perfect peace,<br/>whose ev'ry thought is love.<br/>For ev'ry day I have on earth<br/>is given by the King;<br/>so I will give my life, my all,<br/>to love and follow him.</p> |
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PSALTER READING

*David Rogers, Pastor*

***Psalm 86***

*A Prayer of David.*

- Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- <sup>2</sup> Preserve my life, for I am godly;  
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.
- <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

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- <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
listen to my plea for grace.
- <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you,  
for you answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.
- <sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- <sup>14</sup> O God, insolent men have risen up against me;  
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,  
and they do not set you before them.
- <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- <sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.
- <sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor,  
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame  
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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,<br/>much we need thy tender care;<br/>in thy pleasant pastures feed us,<br/>for our use thy folds prepare:<br/>blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>thou hast bought us, thine we are;<br/>blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>thou hast bought us, thine we are.</p> | <p>2 We are thine; do thou befriend us,<br/>be the guardian of our way;<br/>keep thy flock, from sin defend us,<br/>seek us when we go astray:<br/>blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>hear, O hear us when we pray;<br/>blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,<br/>hear, O hear us when we pray.</p> |
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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.

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.

\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Joel Aguilar, Elder*

***1 Samuel 23:1-14***

Now they told David, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are robbing the threshing floors." <sup>2</sup> Therefore David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the LORD said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines and save Keilah." <sup>3</sup> But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?" <sup>4</sup> Then David inquired of the LORD again. And the LORD answered him, "Arise, go down to Keilah, for I will give the Philistines into your hand." <sup>5</sup> And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines and brought away their livestock and struck them with a great blow. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

<sup>6</sup> When Abiathar the son of Ahimelech had fled to David to Keilah, he had come down with an ephod in his hand. <sup>7</sup> Now it was told Saul that David had come to Keilah. And Saul said, "God has given him into my hand, for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars." <sup>8</sup> And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. <sup>9</sup> David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod here." <sup>10</sup> Then David said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, your servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account. <sup>11</sup> Will the men of Keilah surrender me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O LORD, the God of Israel, please tell your servant." And the LORD said, "He will come down." <sup>12</sup> Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, "They will surrender you." <sup>13</sup> Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition. <sup>14</sup> And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hand.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Hymn 94 (vv 1-4, 6)*

***How Firm A Foundation***

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress."
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 6 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

\* BENEDICTION

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

PASTOR: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

# SERMON NOTES

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***“Does God give us more than we can handle?”***

***1 Samuel 23:1-14***

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**Next Week:**

**Text:** *1 Samuel 23:15-29*

**Preacher:** David Rogers, Pastor

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