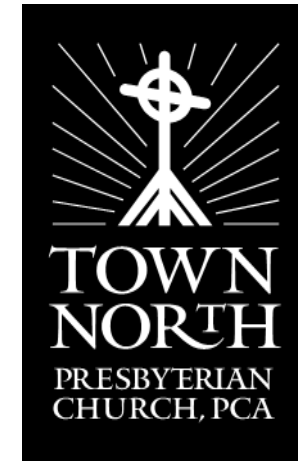


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*September 3, 2023*

## WELCOME TO TOWN NORTH!

We are thankful that the Lord brought you to worship with us today! We know that there are no accidents, and God brought you here to enjoy him in worship this morning.

## CHILDREN

Here at Town North, we take great joy in inviting children of all ages to join in our worship service alongside their parents. Crying and noisy children are welcome!

Feel free to use our cry room located in the back of the sanctuary or step out into the narthex if you need to take a short break.

Children's Activity Clipboards are available in the narthex for coloring or taking notes during the worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the shelf after the service.

Nursery is available for children up to 3 years old on the first floor in the Christian Education Building.

## CONNECT WITH US

Please sign, pass & return the black attendance pad at the end of the aisle, indicating your attendance with us this morning.

## REFLECTION

***“There is only one genuine cure for legalism. It is the same medicine the gospel prescribes for antinomianism: understanding and tasting union with Jesus Christ himself.”***

-Sinclair Ferguson, The Whole Christ, Crossway, 2016, p. 157.

## PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*David Rogers, Pastor*

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 57:1-3, 5*

LEADER: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;

PEOPLE: **in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.**

LEADER: I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

PEOPLE: **He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.**

LEADER: God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

PEOPLE: **Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* SONG OF PRAISE

*Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death*

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a -  
 2. *What truth can calm the trou - bled soul?* God is good, God is  
 3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he

lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our  
*good. Where is his grace and good - ness known?* In our  
 lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er -

souls to him be - long. Who holds our days with - in his  
*great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -*  
 last - ing life with him. There we will rise to meet the

hand? What comes, a - part from his com - mand? And what will  
*rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial?* Who sends the  
 Lord, then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will

keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
*waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?*  
 feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

**CHORUS**

O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le -  
 lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess: Christ our hope in life and death.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

***Hosea 6:6***

LEADER: “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

***Psalm 51:1-2, 10-17***

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.  
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not  
despise. 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 FORGIVENESS

***Matthew 11:28-30***

LEADER: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give  
you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am  
gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound - ed,  
 2. Come, ye thirs - ty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty  
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness  
 4. Come, ye we - ry, hea - vy la - den, lost and ru - ined



sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quires  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,



full of pi - ty, love, and pow'r.  
 ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
 is to feel your need of him.  
 you will ne - ver come at all.



5. I will a - rise and go to Je - sus! He will em - brace me



in his arms. In the arms of my dear Sa - vior,



oh, there are ten - thou - sand charms.

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PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* LORD'S PRAYER

ALL:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come.  
 Thy will be done  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread,  
 and forgive us our debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors,  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever. Amen.**

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 521—My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vv.1-4)*



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -



sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

**REFRAIN**



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Matthew 12:1-14*

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup> But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.” <sup>3</sup> He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests? <sup>5</sup> Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless? <sup>6</sup> I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup> And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

<sup>9</sup> He went on from there and entered their synagogue. <sup>10</sup> And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? <sup>12</sup> Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” <sup>13</sup> Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. <sup>14</sup> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the LORD.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

*"Stop in the Name of the Law!"*

Blank musical staff lines for applying God's word to the hymn.

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*Hymn—Love Constraining to Obedience (vv.1-6)*

1. No strength of na - ture can suf - fice  
 2. *How* long be - neath the Law I lay  
 3. Then, to ab - stain from out - ward sin  
 4. *Then* all my ser - vile works were done  
 5. "What shall I do," was then the word,  
 6. To see the law by Christ ful - filled

to serve the Lord a - right:  
 in bon - dage and di - stress;  
 was more than I could do;  
 a righ - teous - ness to raise;  
 "That I may wor - thier grow?"  
 and hear his par - d'ning voice,

and what she has she mis - ap - plies,  
 I toiled the pre - cept to o - bey,  
 now, if I feel its pow'r with - in,  
 now, free - ly cho - sen in the Son,  
 "What shall I ren - der to the Lord?"  
 chan - ges a slave in - to a child,

for want of clear - er light.  
 but toiled with - out suc - cess.  
 I feel I hate it too.  
 I free - ly choose his ways.  
 is my in - quiry now.  
 and du - ty in - to choice.

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\* BENEDICTION

*David Rogers, Pastor*

***2 Thessalonians 2:16-17***

PASTOR: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,  
who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope  
through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in  
every good work and word. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*