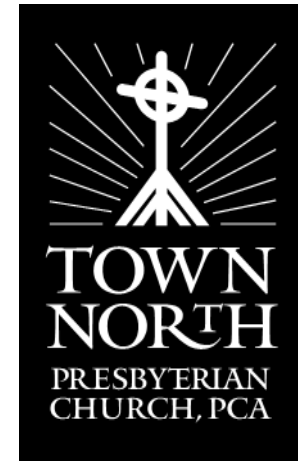


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*September 10, 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

***“[Romans] is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.”***

-Martin Luther, *The Works of Martin Luther*, Volume VI, (“Preface to Romans”) Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia, p. 447.

## PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 98:1-4*

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!

PEOPLE: **His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.**

LEADER: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

PEOPLE: **He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.**

LEADER: All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 165—Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (vv.1-4)*

1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2. God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
 3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
 4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
 and still he is nigh— his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

### ***Matthew 28:18-20a***

LEADER: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL:** **King Jesus, we confess that we have been disobedient. You command us to make disciples, but we have often dismissed Your command. Forgive us for not believing that You, and You alone, can fulfill humanity’s greatest needs. Forgive us for being more concerned with our comfort than with Your kingdom. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, renew our zeal for the gospel, and our love for You. Let us see every relationship as an opportunity to proclaim that Jesus Christ is 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 FORGIVENESS

### ***Romans 6:3-4, 11***

LEADER: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re - ceive the food of your  
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
 3. Speak, O Lord and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness; that the  
 ra - di - ence of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -  
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es; And by



acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - poses for your glo - ry.  
 ne - ver fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief  
 church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Romans 1:1-6*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**“Why is it necessary to help people follow Jesus?”**

Blank musical staff lines for applying God's word.

**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.*

**O Church Arise**

1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
 2. Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
 4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to

they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
 win the prize of a serv - ant good and faith - ful. As saints of

faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's  
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the  
 old still line the way re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his

lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love, reach - ing  
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for which he died— an in -  
 grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry  
 grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when with

out to those in dark - ness.  
 her - i - tance of na - tions.  
 eye and heart shall see him.  
 Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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\* BENEDICTION

***John 14:27; Matthew 28:20b***

PASTOR: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*