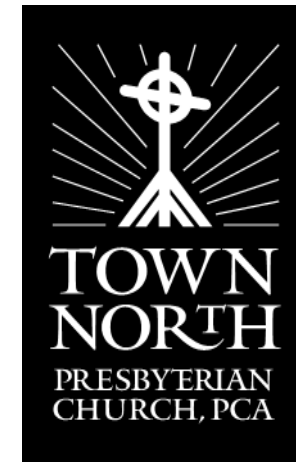


*Town North is a community of disciples
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

September 17, 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

“Though there be no light for us but in the beams [of light], yet we may by beams see the sun, which is the fountain of it. Though all our refreshment actually lie in the streams, yet by them we are led up to the fountain. Jesus Christ, in respect to the love of the Father, is but the beam, the stream; wherein though actually all our light, our refreshment lies, yet by him we are led to the fountain, the sun of eternal love itself [i.e. God the Father]. Would believers exercise themselves herein, they would find it a matter of not small spiritual improvement in their walking with God.”

-John Owen, *Communion with God*, vol. 2, *The Works of John Owen*, William H. Goold, ed., Banner of Truth, 2009.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Cies, Pastor

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:1-4, 28-29

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 PEOPLE: **for his steadfast love endures forever!**
 LEADER: Let Israel say,
 PEOPLE: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
 LEADER: Let the house of Aaron say,
 PEOPLE: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
 LEADER: Let those who fear the LORD say,
 PEOPLE: **“His steadfast love endures forever.”**
 LEADER: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you
 PEOPLE: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
 for his steadfast love endures forever!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 77—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (vv. 1-5)

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your
 2. *Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers*
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. *Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour-ish, blows the wind and*
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
 frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us,
it is gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

who, like me, his praise should sing? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

LEADER: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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

1 John 4:9-10, 16

LEADER: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 529—Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vv. 1-4)

1. Love d - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Breathe. O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down: fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy
let us be: let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re -

mer - cies crown: Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
prom - ised rest: take a - way the love of sin - ning;
tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
stored in thee; changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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PSALTER READING

Psalm 103
Of David.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
⁶ The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!
²¹ Bless the LORD, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!
²² Bless the LORD, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

David Rogers, Pastor

* RESPONDING IN SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us,
 2. *Be - hold the Man up - on a cross,*
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing:

how vast be - yond all meas - ure
my sin up - on His shoul - ders.
 no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.

That He should give His on - ly Son
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ:

to make a wretch His treas - ure.
call out a - mong the scof - fers.
 His death and res - ur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
It was my sin that held Him there
 Why should I gain from His re - ward?

The Fa - ther turns His face a - way
un - til it was ac - com - plished;
 I can - not give an an - swer.

As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One
His dy - ing breath has brought me life.
 But this I know with all my heart:

bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
I know that it is fin - ished.
 His wounds have paid my ran - som.

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* BENEDICTION

based on Romans 1:7; Numbers 6:24-26

PASTOR: To all at Town North who are loved by God and called to be saints:
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Lynna Harbison