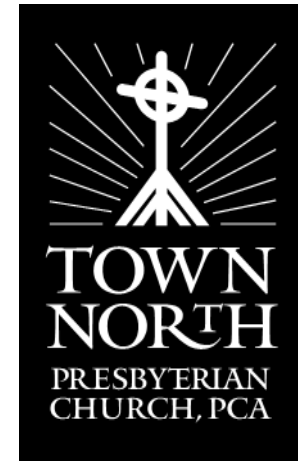


*Town North is a community of disciples  
making disciples of Jesus.*



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

*September 24, 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

**Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?**

**A. First, that believers one and all,  
as members of this community,  
share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts.  
Second, that each member  
should consider it a duty  
to use these gifts  
readily and joyfully  
for the service and enrichment  
of the other members.**

-Heidelberg Catechism #55 (1563)

## PRELUDE

*Lynna Harbison*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Andrew Cies, Pastor*

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 133:1; 134*

LEADER: Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

PEOPLE: **Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!**

LEADER: Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

PEOPLE: **May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Hymn 44—How Great Thou Art (vv. 1-4)*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der  
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,  
sent him to die, I scares can take it in,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,  
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

REFRAIN



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:



how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee:



how great thou art, how great thou art!

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## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

### ***Hebrews 10:24-25***

LEADER: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**ALL:** **Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. You provide, but we have offered little thanks.**

**We often love ourselves more than we love one another. We often seek our own convenience over our obligation to serve and encourage others in the body of Christ.**

**God of grace, help us to admit our sin, and look to Jesus alone for our righteousness. 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

### ***1 John 4:7-11***

LEADER: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Hymn 535—O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (vv. 1-3)*

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,  
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es  
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep

all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;  
 o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
 love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,  
 how for them he in - ter - ced - eth,  
 and it lifts me up to glo - ry,

to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 for it lifts me up to thee.

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925.  
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\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 26, Sec. 1  
 Of the Communion of the Saints (Modern English Version)*

**ALL:** All believers  
 are united to Jesus Christ, their head,  
 by his Spirit and by faith,  
 and have fellowship with him in his  
 grace, suffering, death, resurrection, and glory.  
 United to one another in love  
 the saints have fellowship  
 in each other's gifts and grace  
 and are obliged to perform  
 those public and private duties  
 which nourish their mutual good,  
 both spiritually and physically.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*David Rogers, Pastor*

\* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Show Us Christ*

VERSE

1. Pre - pare our hearts, O God. Help us to re - ceive.  
 2. Your Word is liv - ing light u - pon our dark - ened eyes.

Break the hard and ston - y ground. Help our un - be - lief.  
 Guards us through temp - ta - tions, makes the sim - ple wise. Your

Plant Your Word down deep in us; Cause it to bear fruit.  
 Word is food for fam - ished ones, free - dom for the slave.

O - pen up our ears to hear, Lead us in Your truth.  
 Rich - es for the need - y soul. Come speak to us to - day.

CHORUS

Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God,  
 re - veal Your glo - ry through the preach - ing of Your Word.  
 Un - til e - v'ry heart con - fess - es Christ is Lord.

BRIDGE

Where else can we go, Lord? Where else can we go?

1. 2. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
 3. nal life. TO CHORUS

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\* SCRIPTURE READING

*Wayne Bowman, Elder*

***Romans 1:8-15***

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup> For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

*"You're Not in this Alone"*

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.*

\* RESPONDING IN SONG

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

**CHORUS**

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.

**VERSE**

1. We will not be burned by the fire, He  
 2. *In the dark of night* be-fore the dawn, my  
 3. Ev-'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You

is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the  
 soul be not a - fraid. For the prom-ised morn - ing, oh, how  
 are the faith - ful One. And from the gar - den to the

flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
 long? Oh, God of Ja - cob be my strength.  
 grave, bind us to - geth - er bring sha - lom.

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\* BENEDICTION

***Romans 15:5-6***

PASTOR: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Lynna Harbison*