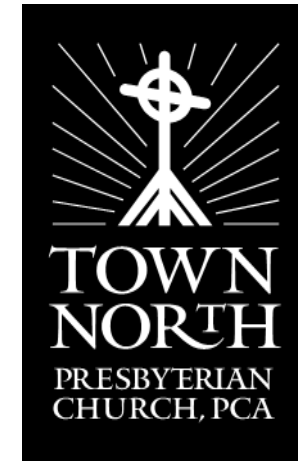


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making disciples of Jesus.*



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

October 15, 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

“Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

-St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*, trans. Henry Chadwick (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), Book I.

PRELUDE

Lynna Harbison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrew Cies, Pastor

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5, 7-10

LEADER: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

PEOPLE: **How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.**

LEADER: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

PEOPLE: **For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.**

ALL: **Oh, continue your steadfast love
to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 57—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (vv. 1-4)



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my



soul, Je - ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - rious
God to be his aid; he is blessed whose hope of
mourn-ing pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with
soul, Je - ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - rious



prais - es of my God through all my days. Put no
bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and
an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see. Well Je -
prais - es of my God through all my days. O - ver



con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de -
earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con -
ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be -
all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is



pend; he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his
tain; he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous -
friends, helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment
King; un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful



pur - pos - es shall end.
ness he will main - tain.
on the wick - ed sends.
hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

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CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

2 Corinthians 12:10

LEADER: For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: **O gracious and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. Instead of finding our contentment in you, no matter our situation, we are prone to dissatisfaction. We complain about our possessions, our spouses, our coworkers, our friends, our bodies, and our circumstances in life. Lord, we not only lack contentment with the things that you have given, but are even discontent with you, the giver! Forgive us and pour out your healing grace upon us that we would find true satisfaction in you. In the name of Christ we pray, 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

Ephesians 2:4-7

LEADER: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

* CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

LEADER: What is your only comfort in life and death?

ALL: **That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His
precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

* SONG OF RESPONSE

When Trials Come



1. When tri - als come, no long - er fear, for in the pain our
2. *With - in the night I know your peace; the breath of God brings*
3. I turn to wis - dom not my own for ev - 'ry bat - tle
4. *When I am wea - ry with the cost, I see the tri - umph*
5. One day all things will be made new; I'll see the hope you



God draws near, to fire a faith worth more than gold;
strength to me, and new each morn - ing mer - cy flows,
you have known. My con - fi - dence will rest in you;
of the cross; So in its shad - ow I shall run,
called me to and in your king - dom paved with gold,



and there his faith - ful - ness is told; and there his
as treas - ures of the dark - ness grow, as treas - ures
your love en - dures; your ways are good. Your love en -
till you com - plete the work be - gun; till you com -
I'll praise your faith - ful - ness of old; I'll praise your



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faith - ful - ness of old.

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Philippians 4:10-13

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Wonderful, Merciful Savior



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly



deem - er and Friend; Who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; You of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak - ness You



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
 find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne.



Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.
 Oh, we've hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

CHORUS



You are the One that we praise, You are the One we a - dore.



You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for,



oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

"Is Contentment Enough?"

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

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 691—It Is Well with My Soul (vv. 1-4)

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. *Though* Sa - tan should buf - fet, *though* tri - als should
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. *O* Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what -
 come, let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that
 thought!— my sin, not in part, but the whole, is
 sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is
Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and has
 nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; praise the
 trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven

well, it is well with my soul."
 shed his own blood for my soul.
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 so"— it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN

It is well with my soul; with my soul;
It is well with my soul;

it is well, it is well with my soul.

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* BENEDICTION

Andrew Cies, 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