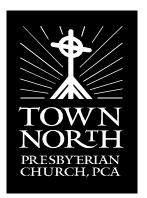
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 2020 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"If God is not sovereign in the decisions and actions of other people as they affect us, then there is a whole major area of our lives where we cannot trust God; where we are left, so to speak, to fend for ourselves."

-Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God*, NavPress, 1988, p. 58.

PRELUDE Lynna Harbison

(Church elders will be available in the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude)

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor Andrew Cies

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-5

PASTOR: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

PEOPLE: The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

PASTOR: Let them praise your great and awesome name!

PEOPLE: Holy is he!

PASTOR: The King in his might loves justice.

PEOPLE: You have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

PASTOR: Exalt the LORD our God;

worship at his footstool!

PEOPLE: Holy is he!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 100 (vv 1-4)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Deuteronomy 10:20

PASTOR: You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him,

and by his name you shall swear.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Heavenly Father, we confess that we often forget who it is that we worship. You, Lord, are the great God Almighty and our Heavenly Father. Yet, at times, we allow our circumstances to eclipse your glory. Forgive us for turning our gaze from you. Give us eyes to see that you truly are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in

trouble. In 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 PARDON AND PEACE WITH GOD

Hebrews 12:1-2

PASTOR: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne

of God.

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 528 (vv 1-4)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine:
 now hear me while I pray,
 take all my guilt away,
 O let me from this day
 be wholly thine.
- May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS & BAPTISM

Jeff & Jessica Hendricks Caedmon, Flannery, Wesley & Hopkins

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 140 (vv 1-4)

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from her dear Master received the gift divine, and still that light she lifteth o'er all the earth to shine. It is the golden casket, where gems of truth are stored; it is the heav'n drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before God's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light, as of old. O teach thy wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

Judges 3:12-30

¹² And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹³ He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. ¹⁴ And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a lefthanded man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. ¹⁶ And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. ¹⁷ And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. ¹⁸ And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. ¹⁹ But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. ²⁰ And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. 21 And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. ²² And the hilt also went in after the blade. and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. ²³ Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

²⁴ When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber." ²⁵ And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their lord dead on the floor.

²⁶ Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. ²⁷ When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. ²⁸ And he said to them, "Follow after me, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand." So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. ²⁹ And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. ³⁰ So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

"God Brings in the Left-Hander"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER (Please hold the elements until everyone is served.

Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 598 (vv 1-3)

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O my great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand; Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

* BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20-21

PASTOR:

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

Ensemble music: CCLI#89171 Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible.

SERMON NOTES

"God Brings in the Left-Hander"

Judges 3:12-30

Next Week:	
Text: Judges 4:1-24	
Preacher: Rev. David Billingslea	

ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Sunday Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream TNT Youth Group Meeting—TNPC Outside	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study—by Zoom Conference Deacons Meeting	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
	Ladies Evening Study—CE Rm 201 & by Zoom Conference	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom Conference	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible study—by Zoom Conference	6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	TNPC Women's Get Together—TNPC Courtyard	10:00 a.m.

Church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/events.

WORSHIP SERVICE

SANCTUARY (PUBLIC) AND BY LIVESTREAM

Access: 1. Go to the Town North web site: www.tnpc.org

2. Click on the link that says: "View Livestream Worship"

{PUBLIC SERVICE OBSERVING COMMUNITY DISEASE (CORONAVIRUS) CONTROL GUIDELINES}

LIFE*Change* **OFFERING** — This special offering for our missionaries will be collected <u>next Sunday</u>. You may mail your check or make your donation via *PayPal*, specified "LIFEChange".

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PRAYER
7:00 PM -- BY ZOOM

TNPC Ladies' Fall Bible Study

The 1-2 Timothy and Titus study continues each Tuesday at 6:30 pm in CE 200 and via Zoom each Tuesday at 9:30 am and at 6:30 pm. Email Bonlee for more info: bonlee rawley@hotmail.com

Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies,

and other small groups are meeting by Zoom conferencing <u>or in homes</u> at leader & group discretion.

For the Nations Refugee Outreach

- Christmas Gifts -

You can help by giving or volunteering! See All-Church emails for more details.

The following ministry activities are CANCELLED for the weeks to come until further notice:

- Communicants Class
- Covenant Clubhouse
- Choir & Ensemble practices
- Visitors Lunch & Kid's Lunch
- Most On-campus Bible Studies
 & Prayer Teams
- Evening Lord's Supper services

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through October 4, 2020

(Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

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Designated Giving \$ 36,435
Total Expenses \$ 245,512
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