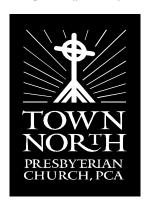
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October 25, 2020 10:30 A.M.

## REFLECTION

"Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends."

- George Mueller

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

Psalm 28:6-8; 21:13

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

PEOPLE: The LORD is my strength and my shield:

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

PASTOR: The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

PEOPLE: Be exalted, O LORD, in your strength!

We will sing and praise your power.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 77 (vv 1-5)

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 103)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, his praise should sing? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress; praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone; but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the High Eternal One.
Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

# CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 78:21-22

PASTOR: Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of wrath;

a fire was kindled against Jacob; his anger rose against Israel,

because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power.

#### CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ALL: Heavenly Father, we confess that we often don't trust your saving power. We often don't trust your saving power for our children, or our friends, or our co-workers, or even ourselves.

Please, in your mercy, give us bold confidence in your power.

#### SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

OF SIN

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 4:14-16

PASTOR: Sin

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hymn 164 (vv 1-6)

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

- of or a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;'tis music in the sinner's ears,'tis life and health and peace.

- 4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free; his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.
- 5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.
- 6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

#### How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love; and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

## \* SCRIPTURE READING

Elder David Hitt

# Judges 6:1-24

The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. <sup>2</sup> And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. <sup>3</sup> For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. <sup>4</sup> They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. <sup>5</sup> For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would come like locusts in number—both they and their camels

could not be counted—so that they laid waste the land as they came in. <sup>6</sup> And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup> the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. <sup>9</sup>And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup>And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' But you have not obeyed my voice."

11 Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor." <sup>13</sup> And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian." 14 And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house." 16 And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man." 17 And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

19 So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. 20 And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. 22 Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For now I have seen

the angel of the LORD face to face." <sup>23</sup> But the LORD said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die." <sup>24</sup> Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

# APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

# "Too Weak for the Mission"

# 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 253 (vv 1-5)

# There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away: washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die; and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave,
lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more: be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

\* BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

 $\hbox{Ensemble music: CCLI\#89171} \quad \textit{Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the English Standard Version of the Bible. } \\$ 

# **SERMON NOTES**

	"Too Weak for the Mission"	Judges 6:1-24
Next Week:		

Text: Judges 6:25-32

Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

# **ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY	Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream Officers' Prayer for Congregation—Fellowship Hall & by Zoom	10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study—by Zoom Conference Ladies Evening Study—CE Rm 201 & by Zoom Conference	9:30 a.m. 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	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS! Turn clocks backward one hour tonight!	

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: "Livestream Worship"

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

LIFE Change OFFERING — Last week's total LIFE Change was \$1,300.00. Thanks be to God! If you did not give your LIFE Change last Sunday, you may mail your check, make your donation via PayPal, or scan the new TNPC-PCAF QR code below, specifying "LIFE Change".

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** — Are given by The Kleins in celebration of Bertha's birthday. She is thankful to her Lord for so many blessings in her life and one more year to celebrate.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER
7:00 PM - BY ZOOM

# **FTNRO**

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

**Disciple Groups, Life-on-Life, Bible Studies,** and other small groups are meeting by Zoom, in homes or at TNPC at leader & group discretion.

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through October 18, 2020 (Our fiscal year starts July 1 and ends June 30)

General Fund Income \$ 186,755 Designated Giving \$ 46,570 Total Expenses \$ 282,194 Net Surplus or (Deficit) \$ (48,869)

# **TNPC-PCAF**



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

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

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