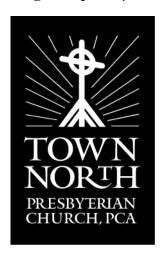
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The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2021 10:30 A.M.

REFLECTION

"The third incomparable benefit of faith is that it unites the soul with Christ as a bride is united with her bridegroom. By this mystery, as the Apostle teaches, Christ and the soul become one flesh [Eph. 5:31–32]. And if they are one flesh and there is between them a true marriage— indeed the most perfect of all marriages, since human marriages are but poor examples of this one true marriage—it follows that everything they have they hold in common, the good as well as the evil...Christ is full of grace, life, and salvation. The soul is full of sins, death, and damnation. Now let faith come between them and sins, death, and damnation will be Christ's, while grace, life, and salvation will be the soul's; for if Christ is a bridegroom, he must take upon himself the things which are his bride's and bestow upon her the things that are his. If he gives her his body and very self, how shall he not give her all that is his? And if he takes the body of the bride, how shall he not take all that is hers?"

-Martin Luther, <u>Luther's Works</u>, vol. 31, (Harold J. Grimm, Editor), "The Freedom of the Christian," p. 13.

PRELUDE Lynna Harbison

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

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Hamid, Pastoral Intern

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1-3; Isaiah 54:5

LEADER: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

PEOPLE: The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel.

LEADER: For your Maker is your husband,

the LORD of hosts is his name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,

the God of the whole earth he is called.

PEOPLE: All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymn 44 (vv 1-4)

How Great Thou Art

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Jeremiah 3:20

LEADER: Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD.

CONFESSING OUR SIN IN SONG

Ensemble & Congregation

Jesus, I Come

- 1 Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
 Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
 Jesus, I come to thee.
 Out of my sickness into thy health,
 out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
 out of my sin and into thyself,
 Jesus, I come to thee.
- 2 Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come. Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee. Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm, out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.
- 3 Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
 Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into thy blessed will to abide,
 Jesus, I come to thee.
 Out of myself to dwell in thy love,
 out of despair into raptures above,
 upward forever on wings like a dove,
 Jesus. I come to thee.
- 4 Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
 Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
 Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold, ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

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

Romans 6:4-5

LEADER: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

* HYMN OF REFLECTION

Hymn 347 (vv 1-3, 6)

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord: she is his new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor David Rogers

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn 642 (vv 1-3, 5)

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son: thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* SCRIPTURE READING

Wayne Bowman, Elder

Matthew 19:1-12

Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. ² And large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ⁷ They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" ⁸ He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. ⁹ And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery."

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." ¹¹ But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it."

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Rev. David Rogers

God's Design for Marriage

THE LORD'S SUPPER

R (Please hold the elements until everyone is served. Please place used cups in baskets in the narthex after the service.)

* RESPONDING IN SONG

Hymn 585 (vv 1-2, 5-6)

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

* BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 5:17

PASTOR: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. Amen.

POSTLUDE Lynna Harbison

SERMON NOTES

God's Design for Marriage Matthew 19:1-12

Next Week:

Text: Matthew 19:13-15 Preacher: Rev. David Rogers

How Great Thou Art

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ACTIVITIES & ANNºUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY	Worship Service—Sanctuary & by Livestream	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group—Outside TNPC	5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Ladies Morning Study—by Zoom	9:30 a.m.
	Deacon's Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Ladies Evening Study—CE Rm 201 & by Zoom	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday Night Prayer—by Zoom	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Men's Bible Study—by Zoom	6:30 p.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE SANCTUARY AND BY LIVESTREAM

LIVESTREAM ACCESS: 1. Go to the Town North website: www.tnpc.org

2. Click on the box that says: "Livestream".

LEBANON PROJECT — To support Pastor Imad Aubrey's ministry in Lebanon, please write checks payable to Town North Presbyterian Church with "Lebanon Project" on the memo line.

SUPPORTING OUR MERCY MINISTRY — Your gracious donations, specified "Deacons Fund," allow our Deacons to bring financial relief to members and others in need.

MTW VIRTUAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE — February 19 & 20. All are invited. There will be plenary sessions, music, mission stories, breakouts, and more. Sign up at mtw.org/vmc. Email matt.anderson@tnpc.org for more information.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP — The 2021 schedule for sanctuary flowers is in the narthex. Please sign up if you would like to purchase an arrangement (minimum cost is \$55). Contact Judy Dawson (judydawson46@gmail.com) for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM — Continuing on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., John Ohanian will lead the men's study of Joel. Email the church office for the Zoom link: angie.dishman@tnpc.org.

FROM SARAH RISDON, FOR THE NATIONS REFUGEE ORGANIZATION — "Thank you so much for your support this past year. I am so appreciative of your support financially, in prayer and your care and love for the kids with me. I am so grateful the Lord brough us to Town North. School has been going well so far and I am very pleased with the progress my class is making. Thank you again and please keep us in your prayers!"

Fiscal Year 2021

Totals through February 7, 2021

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

General Fund Income \$ 815,799
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