

**THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;**  
**NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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# NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Making Disciples -  
Making a Difference*

*“If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and take up  
their cross and follow me.”*

*- Mark 8:34*

**September 15, 2024**  
**9:30 A.M.**  
**Ordinary Time**  
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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,  
which no unworthy affection may drag downward,  
give me an unconquered heart,  
which no tribulation can wear out;  
give me an upright heart,  
which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.  
Bestow on me also, O Lord my God,  
understanding to know you,  
diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225 – 1274)

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### QUIETING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS *(Responsive)*

*The Lord be with you!*  
**And also with you!**

*Let us quiet our hearts and our minds as we gather to worship the Lord.*

### PRELUDE

*Lead Me to Calvary*

### GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST *(Psalm 116:1-8)*

*I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.*

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

*The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.*

**Then I called on the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”**

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

**The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

*Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.*

**For the Lord has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

**Thanks be to God!**

*We pray all these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.*

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

*These are the gifts of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*This is the body of Christ broken for you.*

**Amen**

*This is the blood of Christ shed for you.*

**Amen**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Jesus Is Lord*

### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

### ↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

GTG #498

### CHARGE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Majestic Postlude*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

And so, with all creation, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, entered our tomb, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, including the one who was to betray him, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

## ↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

*Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine) GTG #192, vs. 1 & 3*

## ↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

*The Lord listens to the cries of the people who turn with full hearts to the One who has mercy. Let our tongues confess, in the presence of God and one another, the sins we have committed against God and neighbor.*

## ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER *(Unison)*

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for help. You know our faults before we speak. Forgive us for what we have done and not done; and for the things we have said and not said in opposition to your will and your commands. Forgive us for the ways we have not loved you or our neighbors. Forgive us for our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel.**

**By the power of your Spirit, lead us away from this grief and sorrow. For the sake of your Son, save us and heal us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend to the needs of your people.**

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

## THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS *(Responsive)*

*Hear the good news! The Lord hears the cries of those trapped in the snares of sin and death; and delivers those who respond to his grace with repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God!**

## ↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

GTG #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST JESUS *(Responsive)*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.*

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.*

### ↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

*Sing to the Mountains*

vs. 1 & 3

### ↓SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Feel Like Traveling On*

Betsy Surosky & Paul Holland

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### ↓PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom. Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear, with greater clarity, the teachings of today so that we may better serve you and your creation. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Letter of James 3:1-12

### GATHERING OF CHILDREN

### SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Mark 8:27-38

### SERMON

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

### ↑RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

GTG #718

### PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under**

(Continued)

**Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### ↓GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

*All Is Safely Gathered In*

### ↑DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### ↓PRAYER DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

### PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

They shall come from east and west and from north and south to feast at the table of the Lord, to partake of the bread and the cup, to partake in the joy of Sabbath. All are welcome at this table. The grace of God is free and open to all in need – and there is no one who does not need God's grace.

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**