

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Making Disciples -
Making a Difference*

I lift my eyes to You, the One
enthroned in heaven.
Psalms 123:1

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

July 7, 2024
9:30 A.M.
Ordinary Time
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*O God, full of compassion,
I commit and commend myself to you,
in whom I am, and live, and know.
Be the goal of my pilgrimage,
and my rest by the way.
Let my soul take refuge
from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought
beneath the shadow of your wings.
Let my heart, this sea of restless waves,
find peace in you, O God. Amen.*

Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)

↑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 *Meditation on “Beach Spring”*

GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST *(Psalm 121)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Thanks be to God!

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

Our Help Is from the Lord

vs. 2, 3 & 4

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 *I Am His, and He Is Mine*

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Savior, we give you thanks that you have prepared this feast for us — the rich feast of our redemption. By the nourishment of this holy meal, make us more ready for the day when you will wipe away all tears and swallow up death forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GTG #611

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ever in the Faith*

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, Lord—
we thank you for Jesus:
Word made flesh,
light of the world,
living water,
shepherd and gate,
way and truth,
bread of heaven,
cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.

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.

Take this bread and cup, O God— a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives—an offering of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come— come and live in us:
in this bread,
in this cup,
in your people,
one in the body,
one in the blood;
one with Christ,
one in ministry,
in this place,
in every place;
in this world,
in the world to come.

↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin against God and neighbor.

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

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Hear the good news! God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of the Son, 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.

↓MATSIKO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

↑**GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG**

The King of Glory

vs. 2, 3 & 4

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

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

We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word, for in your Word is our hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear your voice and be attentive to what you will say to us today. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask this and all things.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 123

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

GTG #726

PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

↓**GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING**

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Trust in the Lord

↑**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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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 – and there is no one who does not need God's grace.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos, breathing life into dust, leading captives into freedom, calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: