

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

↑RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG

In Christ There Is No East or West

GTG #317

PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

↓GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF MUSIC

God Leads Us Along

↑GIVING GLORY TO GOD

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 as we pray with all of the saints in every time and every place the prayer your Son taught us, and 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.

BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

Be Thou My Vision

GTG #450

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

**THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;
WE GO FORTH TO SERVE OTHERS
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Making Disciples -
Making a Difference*

*Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.
Is any merry? let him sing psalms.*

James 5:13 KJV

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*God of all good,
you are life and salvation to all –
faithful and unfaithful, just and unjust,
pious and impious, passionate and dispassionate,
holy and worldly, wise and simple,
healthy and sick, young and old.
Make us faithful and wise
in your worship and service,
day by day and step by step
adding fire to fire, fervor to fervor,
zeal to zeal, and love to love;
in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.*
Inspired by John Climacus, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, (c. 600)

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

GATHERING

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 together to worship the Lord.

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST (Psalm 19:7-12,14)

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Thanks be to God.

↑GIVING PRAISE TO GOD IN SONG

Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

GTG #276

↓CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TO TURN TO GOD

In faithful prayer, there is power to save the sick; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Trusting God's grace, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor and pray for each other so that we may be healed.

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

God of unity and all, we live in a world in which our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. In our sin, more often than not, we choose exclusivity, and we try to oust from our circles those who do think like us, act like us, or look like us. We care more for our comfort than the unity you call us to through Jesus Christ.

Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, so that we may be more like Christ Jesus, who commanded us to love one another as he loves us, unconditionally and with compassion and grace, so that we may truly be one with one another through you.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

Hear the good news! Though we wander from the truth, through Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit, we are brought back, and we are redeemed from our bondage under the powers of Sin and Death and reconciled to God. 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 JESUS CHRIST *(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 WORLD ORPHAN CHOIR

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

↓PRAYER FOR THE GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord God, by the power of your Spirit, enlighten our eyes, instruct our minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our spirits, so that our lips, our hands, our feet, and our lives may bear witness to your Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Letter of James 5:13-20

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

The Gospel According to Mark 9:38-41

SERMON