



*October 1, 2023*

*10:00 am*

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## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*\*please stand as you are able, in body or spirit*

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.*

**We gather with them in heart and mind.**

*Around the world the broken body is made whole.*

**As part of that body we join in its unity.**

*Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.*

**We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

*Let us worship together,*

**Let us share God's bounty.**

## PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**O God, we come for bread and forget the hungry. We take wine and forget those who are thirsty. We hear your words of peace and forget the world is at war. We celebrate at your feast and forget our divisions. We are one in the Spirit but not in fact. Forgive us, we pray, and heal us in every broken place.**

**(silence)**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison.\*\* Amen.**

*\*\*means "Lord have mercy." in Greek*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]*

## RESPONSE TO PARDON, #582\*

Congregation and Choir

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (x3)**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 17:1-7

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*We welcome ALL children in worship, and we encourage school-age children to remain upstairs. However, an infant/toddler nursery is provided downstairs, if desired. In order to maintain our "safe sanctuary," we ask that all children or youth who leave the sanctuary during worship be accompanied by a parent.*

## OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*"O Come to the Sacred Feast"*

McDonald

## GOSEL\* – Matthew 21:23-32

## MEDITATION

Linda Dickerson

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The congregation will sing the refrain below each time it is indicated—tune is "Here I Am, Lord":*

**REFRAIN: People needing, Spirit leading,  
Jesus feeding all who come to Him.  
Bread for tending, cup for mending,  
Spirit sending us to serve the world.**

*God be with you in all love. Lift your hearts to God above.  
It is right and good to give our thanks and praise.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, and might, and love,  
Earth and heav'n, in one accord sing out their praise.*

### REFRAIN

*Sing Hosanna to the Lord, to the Christ, the one who comes  
In the holy name of God, to heal and save.  
Preached the good news to the poor, fed the hungry, and proclaimed  
Freedom, life to all oppressed, a brand new pledge.*

### REFRAIN

*On the night His life was giv'n, Jesus took the bread of Heav'n.  
Thanking God, He broke it all. Remember me.  
Then He took the common cup, new forgiveness lifting up.  
Thanking God, He gave to all. Remember me.*

### REFRAIN

*We remember God in Christ as we offer sacrifice—  
Holy, living gratitude. Ourselves we give.*

*We embrace His mystery—how He died and was set free—  
How He rose; He'll come again. In Him we live.*

## **REFRAIN**

*Pour your Spirit, gift divine, on these gifts of bread and wine  
And on all who gather here to give you thanks.  
May these gifts become for us blood and body of our Lord  
So that we in turn may be life for the world.*

## **REFRAIN**

*By your Spirit make us one with each other and with Christ,  
And in service to the world, 'til Jesus comes.  
Now to you, the Three-in-One, Maker, Spirit, Christ the Son,  
Be all glory, thanks, and praise forever more.*

## **REFRAIN**

### *SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP*

### *PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION*

**O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom,  
and move between us with love. Having been nourished at  
your table, may we go into your wondrous and diverse  
world to tear down walls of exclusion, to confront powers  
and principalities, and to live and love boldly in the  
promise of your resurrection. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN\***

*"One Bread, One Body"*

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**CHARGE AND BLESSING\***

## CHORAL RESPONSE\*

301, v. 4

**Let us build a house where hands will reach  
Beyond the wood and stone  
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
And live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
Bear the image of God's face;  
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
all are welcome; all are welcome;  
all are welcome in this place.**

FELLOWSHIP TIME – *Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments!*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study – Gospel of John, Chapel

Bible Stories for Grownups – Old Kitchen\_\_\_\_\_

TODAY is **World Communion Sunday**. We will be receiving our Peace and Global Witness Offering today. The offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace. The local portion of our Peacemaking offering today will go to NRV Cares, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families.

*To all who are weary and need rest;  
To all who are lonely and need friends;  
To all who mourn and need comfort;  
To all who pray, and to all who do not, but  
ought;  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
And to whosoever comes –  
The Church opens wide its doors, and says,  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Welcome."*

*Please be in prayer for:*

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| Revathi<br>Balakrishnan<br>Ron Pearson   | Justin Michael<br>Betty Manus             | Matthew Harper<br>Larry & Karen<br>Rogers         |
| Kristin Adams<br>Brenda Payne<br>Charles Allen<br>Corey Foote<br>Chip Carroll (Jane Jones' brother-in-law) | Jim Davis<br>Karen McCollum<br>Edd Stoops | Pat Robinson<br>Cathy Cunningham<br>Corrie Lawson |

UPCOMING

Mondays, 6:00-6:30 – Drive Through Dinners for all

Wednesday, October 11, 1:30 – Women's Bible Study, "Sacred Encounters"

October 8, after Sunday School – Committees Meet

October 15, after Sunday School – Stated Session Meeting

## THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

|                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Linda Dickerson.....         | Pastor                              |
| Martha H. McMahan.....       | Secretary                           |
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| Bruce Harper.....            | Webmaster                           |

### THE SESSION

Sue Bentley. clerk

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*Memorials Board:* Charles Bostian (ch.), Caryl Gray, Nedra Underwood

*We welcome each person who is visiting with our congregation this morning and extend a special invitation for you to make Northside church your home. Members and visitors, please use prayer request station to alert the church to pastoral needs or concerns.*

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Church Office Hours

9:00 AM – Noon (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Wednesday)