

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Northside Presbyterian Church - July 12, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC - *"Thy Loving Kindness"*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT - *"They That Wait Upon the Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

We gather virtually around table, font, and pulpit to root ourselves in sacred story and grow in faith.

God's teachings are our heritage; they bring joy to searching hearts.

We gather in God's presence to offer our thanks and praise!

HYMN - *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

**1 O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**3 O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
to bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

(silence)

GOSPEL - Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 - Mark Frimpong

OFFERING OF MUSIC - *"Canticle of the Turning"*

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 25:19-34

SERMON – *“Upside-Down Promises”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – *“For the Healing of the Nations”*

**1 For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.**

**2 Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.**

**3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Susan Dickerson

Bonnie Church

Hazel Hale

Camille Hodges

Drew Taylor

Edd Stoops