

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Northside Presbyterian Church - July 19, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC – Aran Garnett-Deakin and friend Gabe

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come to worship the living God,
who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,
and welcomes us with a parent’s embrace.

We have come to worship the almighty God,
who searches us and knows our hearts, and still loves us completely.

We have come to worship the eternal God,
who seeks us wherever we are and shepherds us with a guiding hand.

HYMN – *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Merciful God, your creatures cry— creation groans— but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through

our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

(silence)

GOSPEL – Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 – Tina McMahan

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“Calling You”*

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON – *“Close Encounters of the Heavenly Kind”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – *“We are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”*

**We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,
We are climbing Jacob’s ladder, Soldiers of the cross.**

**Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher;
every round goes higher, higher. Soldiers of the cross.**

**Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.**

**If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him?
If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.**

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
Kurt Stephenson