

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Northside Presbyterian Church – August 23, 2020  
(indoors)

GATHERING MUSIC – “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – “Great God of Every Blessing”

CALL TO WORSHIP

*As one body we have many members, each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.*

**We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

*Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers, artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.*

**We, who are many, are one body in Christ.**

*With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts in service to Christ, who makes us one.*

**Let us glorify the Lord!**

HYMN – “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (687)

**1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**

**5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**(silence)**

GOSPEL – Matthew 16:13-20 – Dwayne Kittle

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Love Is Little*”

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 1:8-2:10

SERMON – “*Ordinary Women*”

BLESSING OF THE DEVICES (by Dr. Elizabeth Drescher)/LORD’S PRAYER

*God, you call us to share your Good News of love, justice and peace with a world in need.*

**You have gifted us with rich resources from scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.**

*Which have allowed people to develop new ways of listening to the voices of many others, attending to their interests and concerns, connecting with diverse peoples and groups, and engaging them as a people of faith.*

**We ask your blessing on our digitally-integrated ministries and on the many devices we use to love and serve our neighbors in a changing world.**

*May they never become distractions from relationships or become idols in our hands.*

**May we always remember that your Son, Jesus Christ is the One, True mediator of your love and grace in the wired world.**

*We lift our voices together now in the prayer that Jesus taught, saying, **OUR FATHER ...***

HYMN – “*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*” (700)

**1 I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me . . .**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me . . .**

**I’m gonna sing so God can use me . . .**

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

Today's musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen  
Videographer – Marshall Chaney