

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Northside Presbyterian Church – January 17, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC – *“Be Thou My Vision”* – Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”* – Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see the grace of God,
Christ our teacher and our friend.

Come and see the son of God,
Christ our healer and salvation.

God is moving in this world.
Come and see! Come and see.

HYMN – *“God of Our Life”* (686, v. 1-3)

**1 God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

**2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.**

**3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength.

(silence)

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

OLD TESTAMENT – 1 Samuel 3:1-11 – Sue Herbein

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Sanctuary*” – Simple Gifts

GOSPEL – John 1:43-51

SERMON – “*Come and See*”

PRAYER FOR THE INAUGURATION

Almighty and Sovereign God:

As our nation undergoes this presidential transition, we pray: “Thy Kingdom Come.”

May your Holy Spirit instill our president with righteousness and the values and principles of your kingdom to exercise the sacred trust of administering the nation.

Give our new president, his administration, and Congress the ability to honor you by doing what is right, fair, and just for all citizens, especially the poor, hungry, and marginalized.

We ask that all the people in our nation, irrespective of race, gender, ethnicity, or religious faith be treated with dignity.

We pray for the wholeness, health, integrity, soundness, welfare, security, prosperity, harmony, and justice of all the people in our nation.

Help our nation develop a foreign policy that fosters peace, justice, equality, and freedoms that can advance the development, rights, and privileges of our global neighbors.

Move our nation to provide international leadership in the good stewardship of all the natural resources that you have entrusted to humankind.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through God’s mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

HYMN – “*Here I Am, Lord*” (69, v. 1-3)

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)**

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan
Susan Dickerson
Drew Taylor and family
Edd Stoops

Andy Robeson
Ron Pearson
Doug Rathjen
Kelly Wimmer

Ann Stinson
Wava Bowles
Paul Angermeier

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