

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Northside Presbyterian Church – July 25, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC – *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* – Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“There Is More Love Somewhere”* – Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP*

God created all things visible and invisible, none other.
God provides food for our stomachs and spirits, none other.

God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.
Let us worship the Trinity, and none other.

HYMN* – *“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”* (378, v. 1-4)

**1 We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.**

**2 Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.**

**3 When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets with nation and calls the other “friend,”
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.**

**4 That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God’s newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION

God of wonder, we confess our sins and pray for your help, so that we can truly repent and turn from evil. Deliver us from temptation to hide from you, to lie to you, or to excuse ourselves because of the harm we have done to others. Forgive us for the curse we have brought upon the earth. Restore your creation to full health. Grow in us a deeper desire to

love Christ with the fullness of your love, and to glorify him, along with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

(silence)

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

GOSPEL – John 6:1-15 – Kolter Bradshaw

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”* - Simple Gifts

SCRIPTURE – Genesis 3:1-7; 13-15; Numbers 21:4-9; Isaiah 11:8; Revelation 20

SERMON – *“Weird Animals in the Bible: Snakes”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – *“O Day of Peace”* (373, v. 1-2)

1 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (*“Call Down a Blessing”*)

**Call down a blessing, call down a blessing, call down a blessing, call down.
Peace before us, peace behind us, peace within us, and around us.
Call down a blessing, call down a blessing, call down a blessing, call down.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan	Drew Taylor & family	Wayne Brill
Edd Stoops	Susan Dickerson	Andy & Jean Robeson
Ron Pearson	Wava Bowles	Susan Miller
Wanda Price	Susan Dickerson	Walter Hale
Carlos Cox	J.D. Olinger	

All those suffering with Covid or grieving the loss of a loved one

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper