

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
Northside Presbyterian Church – September 26, 2021

*(Please pick up a hymnal if you prefer to use one when singing)*

GATHERING MUSIC – “*Land of Rest*” – Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – “*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*” – Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP\* (from Psalm 124)

*If it had not been for God, who was on our side . . .  
we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.*  
**Blessed be the Lord, our protector!**

*God has broken the snare that took away our freedom.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*  
**Blessed be God's holy name!**

HYMN\* – “*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*” (645, v. 1, 3)

**1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!**

**3 The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!**

PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION

**God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity.  
Too often we try to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look  
like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that  
make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and  
compassion, and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray.**

(silence)

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

GOSPEL – Mark 9:38-50 – “told” by Martha Taylor

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“Pass Me Not”* – Simple Gifts

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE – James 5:13-20

SERMON – *“Being Disciples: Praying and Singing”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN – *“O Christ, the Healer”* (793, v. 1, 2, 5)

**1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?**

**2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (543, v. 1)

**God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice;  
God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

*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	Frances Hutcheson/Dowdy	Dennis Sweeney
Jeff Kallas (Bronwyn Robinson’s husband)		
Tammy McClintock	Shirley Larson	The Hawisher-Faul family
Gavin Adams		
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 (varies)  
Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper

Flowers this morning are given by Sue Bentley.