

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday—January 9, 2022

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

One: Whenever we gather

All: **God is with us.**

One: However we gather

All: **God is with us.**

One: Let us gather now, in the presence of God.

All: **And let us worship God.**

† Hymn #32 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them
good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

A time for meditation

† Response to meditation (# 582 *(Glory To God Hymnal)*)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

† Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

† Hymn #462 *(Glory To God Hymnal)*

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

[Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
[Refrain]

First Reading

Isaiah 43.1-7

Second Reading

Acts 8.14-17

Third Reading

John 1.35-51

Sermon

Come and See

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Fry

† **Hymn #610** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**2 The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.**

**3 Christ speaks, - and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice;
The poor in heart believe.**

**4 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,**

To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

† Affirmation of Faith—*The Apostles' Creed*—(unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Offertory

† Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore!
Praise Triune God whom we adore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We lift unto you our hearts and voices, Great God,
and we give you our very lives, because you have
given us life. Take these gifts as our way of
thankfully living into your Kin-dom. Amen.**

SENDING

† Hymn #716 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,**

lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

† Charge and Blessing

Postlude