

NPC Celebration of Worship  
March 1st, 2026

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** - (*responsively*)

One: How beautiful are the places where the sacred is present,

**All: Which is in every corner of the world.**

One: How beautiful are the people in whom the sacred dwells,

**All: Which is every person.**

One: Even as we come into this house of worship

**All: we know it does not contain your glory, even the  
heavens are bursting with the goodness of Holy Presence!  
Let us worship.**

**† Hymn**

*Creation Sings Out Praise*

*Lyrics by Matt Fry*

*(Sung to the tune of "Come Thou Almighty King")*

Creation sings out praise  
In many varied ways  
Praise for the ground  
On which we walk and stand  
And which the trees ascend  
For the food stalks that bend  
And feed us all

Creation sings out praise  
In many varied ways  
Praise for the sky  
Its clouds so wonderful  
White blue and colorful  
Letting the sun shine through  
Bring light to all

Creation sings out praise  
In many varied ways  
Praise for Oceans  
Waves which approach the shore  
Underneath so much more  
Life bursting from its core  
Wonderful sea

Creation sings out praise  
In many varied ways  
Praise for humans  
One caring for the next  
Helping each be our best  
Not the same none the less  
Each beautiful

A time for meditation

† Response to meditation (*hymn # 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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

If these words are not Your Word, may they be forgotten and come to naught. But if they be Thy Word, may they adhere to our hearts, forever transforming us from glory into glory, and the creatures you would have us be. Amen.

† Hymn #452 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you  
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing, Holy Holy Holy

Holy Holy Holy  
Holy Holy Holy  
Holy Holy Holy  
I want to see you

**First Reading**

Matthew 5.1-12

**Second Reading**

I Corinthians 1.18-31

**Third Reading**

Micah 6.1-8

**ONE:** May we approach that which is sacred through this  
reading and in this time

**ALL:** Now and always, Let us so do.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Fry

† Hymn #769 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*For Everyone Born*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead,

[CHORUS] And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy,  
compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair,  
[CHORUS]

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled  
For young and for old, the right to belong.  
[CHORUS]

For gay and for straight, a place at the table,  
A covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
A rainbow of race and gender and color,  
For gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,  
[CHORUS]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free,  
[CHORUS]

## Pastoral Prayers and 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.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering— 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!

† Offertory Prayer (*responsively*)

Leader: Fill us every morning with your faithful love.

People: and let us celebrate You all of our days.

Let us find light in the dark, care in the midst of indifference, grace in the face of judgment, and love in a world of anger and hate. Use these gifts we give to grow us into better versions of ourselves today, and again tomorrow, and again the day after that. So be it.

Invitation to the LORD's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

The LORD be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the LORD.*

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## Words of Institution *and* Breaking of the Bread

### Holy Communion of God's People

#### Communion Music

#### Prayer after Communion—from Psalm 13 (*responsively*)

One: God of Light and Life, you have called us to share in Your story of hope.

**All: And so we offer ourselves to its telling. Breathe your life through ours that the story may continue on in us, and through us, until the world is remade. Amen.**

#### † Affirmation of Faith

##### *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Sending

† Hymn #749 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*Come! Live in the Light!*

Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God

[REFRAIN] We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more  
[REFRAIN]

Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love (united in love)  
[REFRAIN]

† Charge and Blessing

Postlude