

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday—May 15, 2022

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship - *(responsively)*

One: How good it is to come together as a family.

All: Being together does our hearts and souls well.

One: As we see familiar faces and new faces,

All: we are reminded that you are creator of all people, and all people are loved.

One: We are reminded that you are the creator of the cosmos, all creatures and all of nature,

All: and we are amazed.

One: Out of this sense of awe

All: we worship you, O God.

† **Hymn #401** *(Glory To God Hymnal)*

Here in This Place—Gather Us In

**Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name**

**We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race**

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.
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.

† **Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

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

Special Music *Alleluia Canon* by Wolfgang Mozart
performed by NPC Choir arr. Donald Moore

First Reading

John 13.31-35

Second Reading

Acts 11.1-18

Third Reading

Galatians 5.16-26

Post-Reading Rubric - (*responsively*)

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 #248** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.**

Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us,
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

† 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.*

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!

† Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Fill us with love, gracious God. Fill us with love for You, with love for self, with love for the world, and with love for each other. Fill us so much that we will overflow and be unable to hold that love to ourselves, and share it with all. Amen.

SENDING

† Hymn #742 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

We Will Walk with God

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go re-joicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go re-joicing till the kingdom has come.

Charge and Blessing

Postlude