

NPC Celebration of Worship  
Sunday— June 11, 2023

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

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

One: This is to be the place where love can dwell for all.

**All: So be it.**

One: This is to be the place where we are called to justice and peace.

**All: So be it.**

One: This is to be the place where ALL are welcome, no matter what.

**All: So be it.**

One: So, here today, let us worship by building such a place.

**All: So be it.**

† **Hymn #301** *(Glory To God Hymnal)*

**Let Us Build a House**

**1) Let us build a house**

**Where love can dwell**

**And all can safely live**

**A place where**

**Saints and children tell**

**How hearts learn to forgive**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions**

**Rock of faith and vault of grace**

**Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

**All are welcome, all are welcome**

**All are welcome in this place**

**2) Let us build a house where prophets speak**

**And words are strong and true**

Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

3) Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

4) Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

5) Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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*)

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O GOD, so that we might be moved in this time to heights we cannot achieve on our own. Grant unto us now the ability to go beyond our limits, so that we might experience you more fully. In the name of the Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

† Hymn #451 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1 Open my eyes that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,

ev'rything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my mouth, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

### **First Reading**

Exodus 20.8-11

### **Second Reading**

Mark 1.21-22

### **Third Reading**

Hebrews 4.7-11

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

#### ***As a Child Rests***

### **Refrain**

As a child rests in its mother's arms,  
so will I rest in you. (Rpt)

**Verse 1** My God, I am not proud.  
I do not look for things too great.

## **Refrain**

**Verse 2** My God, I trust in you.  
You care for me, you give me peace.

## **Refrain**

**Verse 3** O Israel, trust in God,  
now and always trust in God.

## **Refrain**

† **Affirmation of Faith**—(*in unison*)

### *The Apostles' Creed*

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.**

**Out of a sincere sense of gratitude we give to you, O Sacred Presence, so that we will be reminded that there is something greater than us, and that you are connected to other people, to other creatures, and to all life in this world. Connect us as well. We give these gifts to further that goal. Amen.**

SENDING

† **Hymn #745** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*Now Go in Joy*

*Now go in joy to spread the Word*

*Till all people have heard:*

*God embraces all!*

*Follow then, the disciples' call:*

*Tend your neighbors with loving care*

*In daily work and prayer.*

*God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!*

† **Charge and Blessing**