

NPC Celebration of Worship  
Sunday— June 26, 2022

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

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

One: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**All: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.**

One: When I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

**All: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.**

One: When I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

**All: Glad to be surrounded by all these people, in this human family worshipping together. Let us worship God.**

† **Hymn #22** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*God of the Sparrow*

1. **God of the sparrow**  
**God of the whale**  
**God of the swirling stars**  
**How does the creature say Awe**  
**How does the creature say Praise**
  
2. **God of the earthquake**  
**God of the storm**  
**God of the trumpet blast**  
**How does the creature cry Woe**  
**How does the creature cry Save**
  
3. **God of the rainbow**  
**God of the cross**

God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbour  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scripture is read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us today. Amen.

### † Hymn #781 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

*Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me!*

Hear my cry, O God, and save me!  
Troubles and distress enslave me.  
Day and night I seek your face,  
Yearning for your light and grace.  
But these eyes: they cannot see you;  
Outstretched arms: they cannot feel you.  
My heart breaks in deep despair;  
My soul longs to hold you here.

You, O God, once walked beside me.  
In the night your songs revived me.  
Were your promises in vain?  
Will you smile on me again?  
Long ago you brought redemption;  
Your right hand won our salvation.  
I remember deeds of old;  
Now, remember me, O Lord!

All creation bows before you;  
Saints in earth and heaven adore you.  
Thunder roars and torrents fall  
At your word, O God of all!  
In our grief you stand beside us,  
There to lift and to guide us,  
Unseen savior of our days,  
Heir to endless songs of praise!

### First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

## Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

## Third Reading

Luke 9:46-62

## 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

*The Welcome of Christ*

Jacob Geerlings

† Hymn #693 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

### *Though I May Speak*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love;  
my words are vain;  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given  
by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love  
guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

† 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.

**Take these that we give, Great God, and use them, through our hands, to welcome others in your name, to share the good news, and to remake this world into your Kin-dom. We ask in the name of Jesus, the Word of your welcome, Amen.**

SENDING

#### **† Hymn #541 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)**

***God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

1 God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

4 God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**