

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday— July 31, 2022

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship - (*responsively*)

One: We give thanks for the relationships in our lives,

All: for our relationships with each other and with You, O Sacred Presence.

One: We give thanks for your enduring love, Light of the World,

All: and for the light of life you instill in all creation.

One: Let us cultivate thankfulness and gratitude for our relationships that come out of your enduring love.

All: So let us worship.

† **Hymn #388** (*Glory to God Hymnal*)

Come All You People

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.

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Come now and worship the Lord.

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*)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of life. Amen.

† Hymn #457 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

How Happy Are the Saints of God

How happy are the saints of God
Who do not heed the wicked way;
Delighting in the holy Word
They seek God's wisdom night and day.

Like deeply rooted trees,
They stand beside an ever flowing stream.
Their fruit is plentiful and good;
Their leaves are always growing green.

While wicked ones are whisked away
Like straw before the driving wind,
The saints are firmly planted still,
And God will keep them to the end.

First Reading

Colossians 3.1-11

Second Reading

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Third Reading

Matthew 5.6-10

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 *Redefining Righteous* Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Fry

† **Hymn #425** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we should gladly trust God's word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

† **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 offer these gifts out of our personal stores to the community for the good, not of our own individual wants and needs, but for the good of others. Receive, we humbly ask, what we give as an act of moving from self interests to other focused interest. 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