

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday— September 18, 2022

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship - *(responsively)*

One: You sculpt the mountains, the sand, the sea, the sky,

All: and we are ever thankful for your graciousness.

One: You create the world in such a way that it provides food enough for all creation,

All: and we are ever thankful for your graciousness.

One: Your Presence can be found anywhere we look,

All: and we are ever thankful for your graciousness.

One: So we thankfully gather

All: to worship You, God.

† **Hymn #5** *(Glory to God Hymnal)*

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

God the sculptor of the mountains,

God the miller of the sand,

God the jeweler of the heavens,

God the potter of the land:

you are womb of all creation,

we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,

God the cleaver of the sea,

God the pillar of the darkness,

God the beacon of the free:

you are gate of all deliv'rance,

we are sightless; lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet,
God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

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*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

† Hymn #436 *(Glory To God Hymnal)*

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

1 God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unfailing.

2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

3 How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

First Reading
Deuteronomy 5:32-33

Second Reading
John 12:22-25

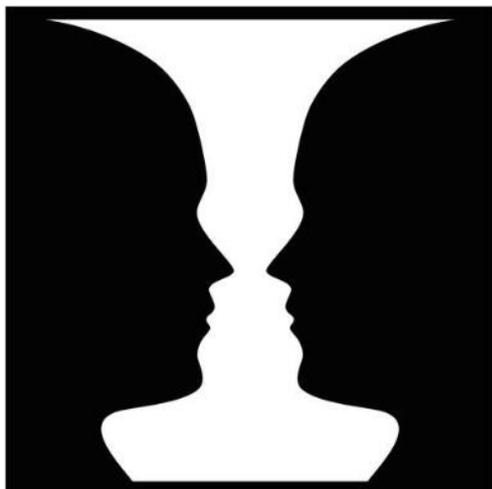
Post-Reading Rubric - (responsively)

One: May we approach that which is sacred through this reading and in this time.

All: Now and always, let us so do.

Sermon Wrong becomes Right

Rev. Jeff Davis



† Hymn #744 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Build up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

† 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.

Send us out of this room, out of this time, into the world, led by your teachings and filled with your light and love. May we grow in your Presence more and more. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

SENDING

† **Hymn #746** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Send Me, Jesus

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus; Lead me, Jesus;
Lead me, Jesus; Lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; Fill me, Jesus;
Fill me, Jesus; Fill me, Lord.

† **Charge and Blessing**