

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday—October 10, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

One: For the sunlight on a beautiful morning,

All: praise the God of Life.

One: For the sound of rain, blessing the ground with life giving
rain,

All: praise the God of Life.

One: For the love of friends and family,

All: praise the God of Life.

One: For the strength of community,

All: praise the God of Life.

One: For us, in this hour, and for our whole lives,

All: praise the God of Life.

† Hymn #41 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

O worship the King all-glorious above!

**O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of God's might and sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,**

whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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.

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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*)

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; through Jesus Christ, the bread of life we pray, Amen.

† **Hymn #468** (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

In My Life (Lord, Be Glorified)

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In our song Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In our song Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

In your world Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In your world Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

First Reading Hebrews 4.12-16

Second Reading Mark 10.17-31

Third Reading Proverbs 1.20-33

Sermon *Wisdom* Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Fry

† Hymn #174 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced, when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the market-place.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

† 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.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 would give you thanks and praise with our words and with our actions, dear God. Let us grow in giving as we offer thanks, praise, our service and our treasures. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lived in such a way that everyone he touched had more than enough, Amen.

SENDING

† Hymn #538 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said:

I am wine, I am bread;

I am wine, I am bread,

give to all who thirst and hunger.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt;
strong in faith, free of doubt,
tell to all the joyful Gospel.

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
all our hearts are filled with gladness.

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all our hearts are filled with gladness.

† Charge and Blessing

†Postlude