



**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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May 22, 2022 11 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

Canticle of Praise

Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Bells

Welcome

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ *indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

✠ Call to Worship

One: *We remember, O God . . .*

All: **the countless saints of this community who have blazed a trail of courage.**

One: *We remember how Your Spirit infused our community this last year . . .*

All: **the tender compassion of deacons, the commitment of committee members, the leadership of elders, the persistent presence of worshippers, the melodies of choir members, the laughter of children, the joy of new members, the splash of baptismal waters.**

One: *We remember how You gathered us . . .*

All: **in a parking lot and in the sanctuary, in the courtyard and in classrooms, in apartments and on playgrounds -- to worship and serve and learn and connect.**

One: *We remember and we give thanks . . .*

All: **for all You have done and for all You will do.**

✠ Gathering Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, You have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all out.

Silence for personal confession

Remind us, O God,

that You continue to set the path before us. Give us the humility to return to the path and walk with You. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Families with young children are invited to take their children to Room 117 for songs, stories, and playtime.

✦ Congregational Response

**O friends, in gladness let us sing our highest anthems echoing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

N.T. p.226

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Running This Race

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith adapted from the Statements of Faith of Incoming Officers

We believe in one triune God, a God whose name is synonymous with love. We believe in God's message of reconciliation and that we are called to work every day to reconcile ourselves to God and each other. We believe the church is a gift to believers who strive to live as Jesus lived and who are actively striving to take care of God's creation. We believe that we are granted grace every day and that we should give others grace in our daily lives. We are charged to serve others, to love them as we love ourselves, and to pray for our enemies.

✦ Affirmation Response *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Ordination and Installation of Officers

✦ Prayer for Ordination

One: Gracious God, you have gifted your servants throughout the ages with courage, grace, cheerfulness, vision, compassion, and hope. Grant, we pray, this same spirit to your church in this place, and to your servants, the elders and deacons we install today, as she guides us to follow you.

Women: We have seen your gift of vision in these leaders, opening our eyes to see your new thing.

Men: We have seen your gift of compassion in these leaders, caring deeply for each one of us as your children.

Younger:

We have seen your gift of cheerfulness in these leaders, with a smile that comforts and encourages.

Older: We have seen your gift of courage in these leaders, stepping in to hard places to be present with your grace.

One: Now give them, O God, a double measure of your Spirit, for we know they will need it in the coming years. Clothe them in compassion and kindness, love and

forgiveness. Give them, a sure sense of your abiding presence and everlasting hope. Keep their eyes and hearts focused on you.

All: **And give us the grace to respond to their leadership with gratitude and peace, energy and love. Give us the courage to look where they are looking and to see what you are doing through them and through us.**

One: Your creative spirit still flows free in the world, loving God, and we pray this day that in days to come, they each will allow your imagination to be theirs, open to possibility, building on all you have done before.

Elders: **We pray that they would fulfill their office with humility and grace, always remembering that it is you who are the head of the body.**

Deacons:
We pray for your guidance in their lives, that they may continue to be leaders in deed as well as word.

Font side:
We pray for your church: for courage to be honest and forgiving, to speak for ourselves and with love, to use the tools you have given us for your work, not only our own.

Flower side:
We pray for the courage to listen deeply to one another, to grow in love across divides, to be re-made yet again as your body, loving, serving, and caring for the world.

One: May the dawn of your tender mercy break forth from on high, bringing light to those who walk in darkness, guiding our feet, together with you, in the path of peace.

All: **Amen.**

✦ Sung Response Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen plan.**

The Prayers of the People and 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.

Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](https://www.1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Edward C. Bairstow

- ✦ Doxology
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

- ✦ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

- ✦ Sending Hymn *Lead Me to the Edges* GRUBBS

- ✦ Charge and Benediction
**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

- ✦ Choral Benediction *Almighty and Everlasting God* Orlando Gibbons

Closing Voluntary *Festive Gloria* Aaron David Miller

The flowers today are given by Jerry and Carolyn Henson with thanksgiving for 63 years of marriage, joy for loving family, and gratitude for Northridge.

Leading worship today:

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Bryan Page, Music Director
Shirley Latham, Organist
Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications
Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator
Ken Slack, Lay Reader

At Northridge, we believe that the church is a gift that everyone deserves to enjoy. The church is a community of people who are committed to doing life together – enduring life's heartaches and celebrating life's joys, seeking out laughter, pursuing a more just world, and following the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be that community for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at betsys@northridgepc.org.



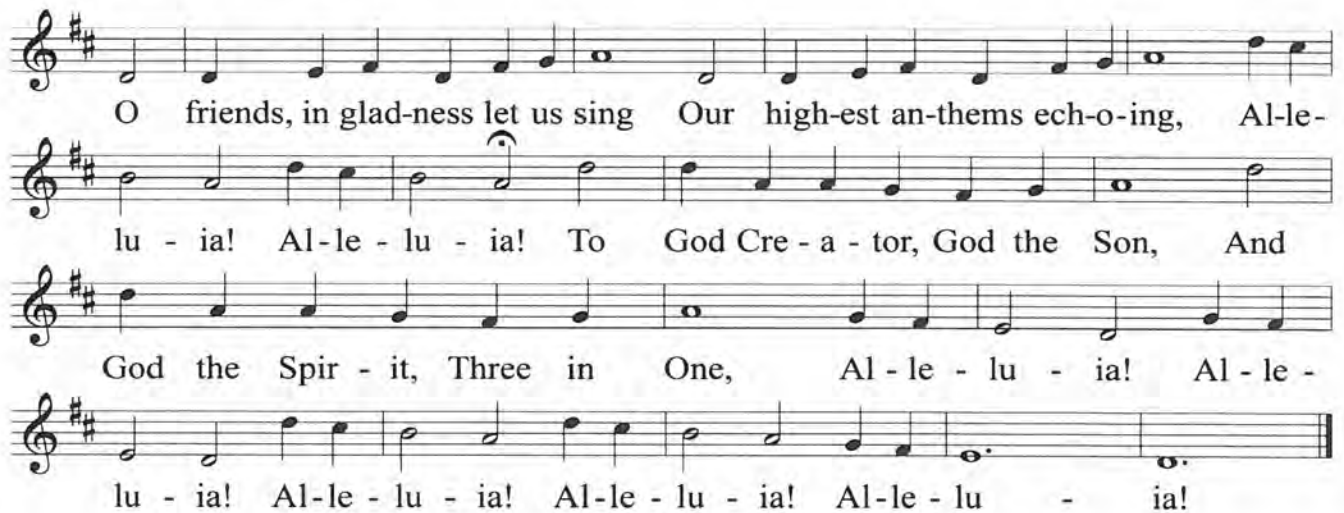
Summer Schedule

On Sunday, **May 29**, we will begin our summer schedule, which features one service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Northridge Without Borders

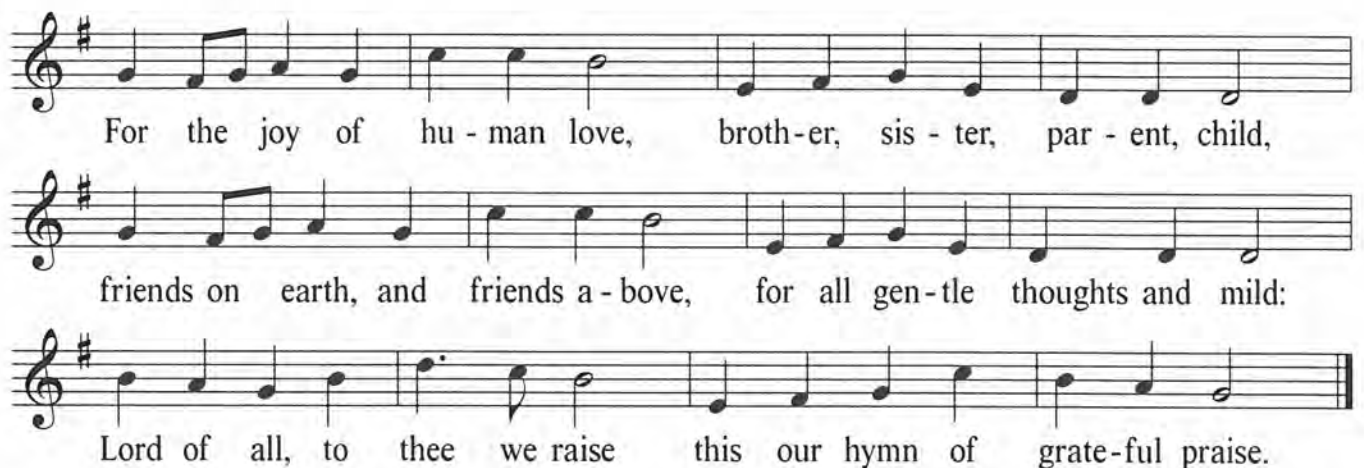
Last month, this community helped Mr. Jose Pineda, a recent Honduran refugee, move into his new apartment in Vickery Meadows. Within the last six months, we have also helped to settle the Kahn family and Mr. Hakimi into their new lives in the same area. In addition to praying for these families, we invite you to take part in our next refugee move-in, which will take place **June 11**. Contact MerriLee Anderson, Mission Chair, at mlandersonphd@gmail.com for more information.

✦ Congregational Response



O friends, in glad-ness let us sing Our high-est an-thems ech-o-ing, Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

✦ Affirmation Response



For the joy of hu - man love, broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child, friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

♣ Sung Response

Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and friend with friend,
e - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.

♣ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
 SM
 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

745 Now Go in Joy

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all peo - ple have

heard: God em - brac - es all! Fol - low, then, the dis -

*May be sung as a canon.

With its themes of bearing witness in the world, this lively sending song works especially well when sung in canon. The tune name refers to a street parade with music that occurs in many Bahamian towns on Boxing Day (December 26), New Year's Day, and sometimes in the summer.


TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2004
 MUSIC: Caribbean folk melody; arr. Jorge Lockward, 2001
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JUNKANOO
 Irregular

Lead Me to the Edges



Lead me to the edg - es, Hold me in the cha - sm,
Send me to the edg - es, Soothe me in the cha - sm,
Plant me at the edg - es, Grow me in the cha - sm,



Qui - et me in dark - ness, Car - ry me through wa - ters,
Hal - low me in dark - ness, Cleanse me in the wa - ters,
Bloom me in the dark - ness, Pros - per me with wa - ters,



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Come, re-new the face of the earth!

On March 13, 2020, Shirley Latham agreed to serve as Substitute Organist for a couple of weeks until the COVID-19 pandemic ended, a stint lasting five months. This hymn was written in thanksgiving for Shirley's dedication to our Music Ministry in 2020. We sing it today in gratitude to Shirley for her continued dedication in 2022, following nine weeks as our Organist. Shirley's commitment to the mission and ministry of Northridge will never be forgotten.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bryan Page, 2020, rev. 2022

GRUBBS
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