

**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

May 8, 2022

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May 8, 2022 11 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Chiming of the Hour
Introit
Welcome

Come, Ye that Love the Lord

Boyd/Page

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

✠ Call to Worship

One: *Jesus said, "Come!"*

All: **To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"**

To the motherless and childless: he said, "Come!"

To all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

One: *We've come to worship God.*

All: **who loved us before we were yet born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.**

One: *Let's worship God together!*

✠ Gathering Hymn #649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, with a word you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into us. You call us to live as stewards, reflecting your glorious image into the world. When we have scorned your gift of creation, placing ourselves over and above rather than within and among, forgive us. When we have ignored your gift of creativity, believing it inferior to the gifts of the intellect, forgive us. When we have sought you in heaven and ignored you on earth, forgive us.

Silence for personal confession

Gracious God,

fill us again with your creative spirit, that your image may shine forth in our lives. We pray in the name of your creating Word made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✦ 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!**

Reception of New Members

The Sacrament of Baptism

Caroline Alexis Nelson and Catherine Savannah Nelson
daughters of Melinda & Jack Nelson

Milla Alexandra Spell and Sophie Katharina Spell
daughters of Suzy & Charles Spell

Congregational Response

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all
one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good
news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

✦ Sung Response #486 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Family of God

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

**In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God
has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received
into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes respon-
sible for their training and support in Christian discipleship.**

✦ Affirmation Response #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

**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.**

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](tel:1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory

In Living Waters

Chris Shelton

✠ 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 #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

✠ 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.**

Closing Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

We celebrate with the Nelson and Spell families, who each present their daughters for baptism today. Kathy Watson is the assisting Elder for baptism, and Bill Swart, Clerk of Session, is assisting with the reception of new members.

Leading worship today:

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Pastor

Bryan Page, Music Director

Shirley Latham, Organist

Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

Brent Christopher, Lay Reader

Senior Sunday

Join us next Sunday, **May 15**, as we honor our graduating high school seniors, who will help lead us in worship. Then visit with them in Quillin Hall after 11:00 a.m. worship.

Celebration Sunday

On Sunday, **May 22**, we will install our next class of elders and deacons, and we'll honor our outgoing leadership from this program year.

Summer Schedule

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

Northridge Without Borders

On Saturday, April 30, members of our mission committee as well as our youth helped move a recent Honduran refugee into his new apartment. If you would like to be part of this ministry going forward, mark your calendars for **June 4-5**, when we'll be doing our next move-in. We need donations as well as volunteers to help transport furniture.

Contact MerriLee Anderson at mlandersonphd@gmail.com for more information.

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. Visitors, please scan this code so we can keep in touch!

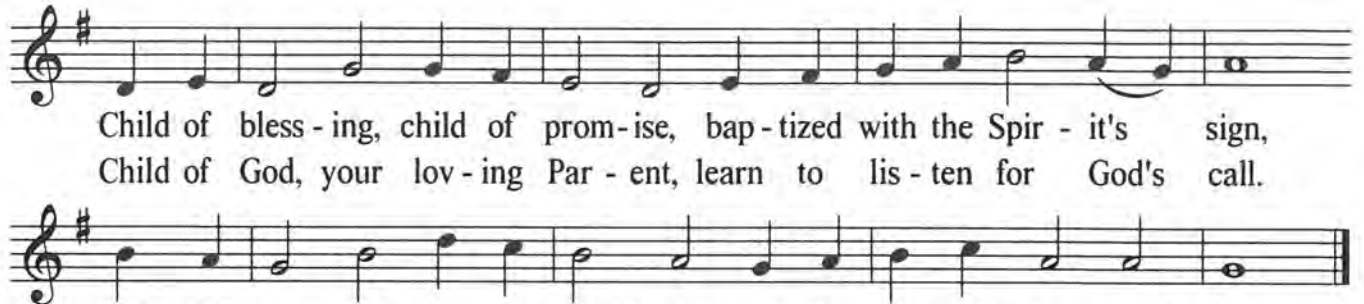


✦ Congregational Response


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! Al-le - lu - ia!

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, matching the lyrics provided below it.

♣ Sung Response

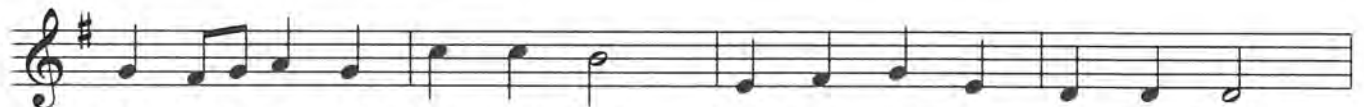


Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,
Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to lis - ten for God's call.

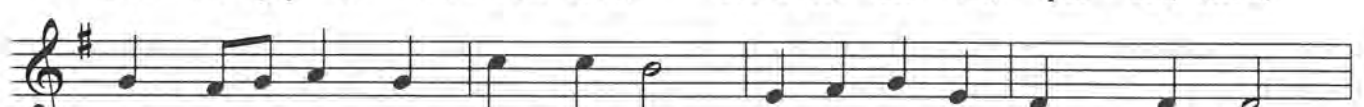


with this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

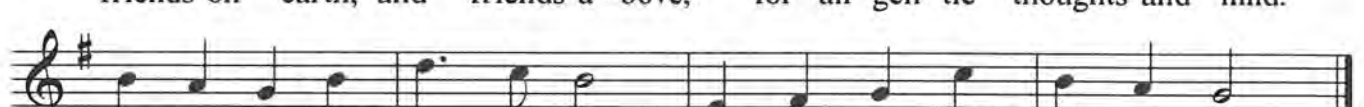
♣ Affirmation Response



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.

♣ 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.

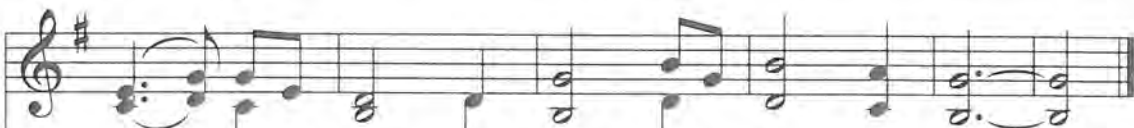
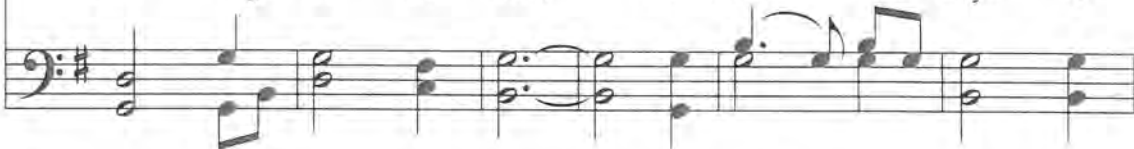
649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 un e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénaáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da rít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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