

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I saw a man walking on the water.
Coming right at me from the other side.
Calling out my name; "Do not be afraid."
Feet begin to run, pounding in my brain;
I don't want to go; I don't want to go.

- "Walk on Water," Creedence Clearwater Revival

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

PRELUDE

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
The Lewis Family

arr. D. Marlan

✠Please rise as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Thomas, Liturgist

One: Here, in this place,
God welcomes dreamers and doubters.

**All: Here, worriers and wanderers
can call on God by name.**

One: Here, in this time,
we can celebrate the ways God has graced us.

**All: Here, we are reminded
that God is with us, always!**

One: Here, in this space,
we can dare to step out of our comfort zones.

**All: Here, we find the courage to cry out
“God, save us!” in every situation.**

One: Here and now, let us worship God.

✠HYMN 720 Jesus Calls Us

GALILEE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of the wind and the sea,
you invite us to be brave,
but we are more familiar with fear.
You invite us to trust you,
but we'd rather trust wind and gravity.
You invite us to believe in ourselves,
but we have never been good at that.
You invite us to move,
to change and take a risk,
but we stay planted where we are,
afraid of the ways growth might hurt.
Forgive us for our doubt and fear.
We believe, despite our unbelief.
Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠HYMN 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Blackwood, Director of Children's Music

All children (youth and parents too!) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Unraveled: Peter's Uncertainty

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

We believe in God,
who weaves God's self into the fiber of our beings.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who writes us into God's holy narrative.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who refuses to disregard anyone as scrap.
We believe in the triune God,
who weaves us together in community.
We believe in the church,
who is designed to be as diverse as a patchwork quilt.
And we believe when life unravels,
God is there to stitch us back together,
to hold us in the palm of God's hand,
to tell us of love,
and to invite us into a new journey.
In this, we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

HYMN 306 **Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY **Abide with Me**
The Lewis Family

arr. D. Marlan

✠DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN 684 **Faith Begins by Letting Go**

LUX PRIMA

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Matthew 22:37-39

**Go out into the world in peace.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself.**

POSTLUDE **Thine Is the Glory**
The Lewis Family

arr. D. Marlan

A special thanks Louis Walker, Organist, and the Lewis Family for sharing their musical gifts with NorthPark: Paul, Gretchen, Campbell, Vivian, and Sydney; and also to today's Worship, Usher, Fellowship, and AV Teams. Today's hymns are used with permission. CCLI License #20085484. ONE LICENSE, License #A-739368.

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NPPC! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew and pass it down to others. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

GUESTS AT NORTHPARK

After worship, please join us in the Narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or are looking for a church home. If you are a first-time guest, we encourage you to provide contact information in the attendance registration book.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are available in the Narthex. Childcare is also available for infants - age 4 in Room 50.

"UNRAVELED" SUMMER WORSHIP

Each week after worship, you will be invited to write a prayer on a fabric strip. They will be woven together to create a beautiful installation. The project will tangibly portray God's presence in our moments of unraveling, as well as the promise that God weaves us together in love. Today's prayer prompt: *Share with God your uncertainties and doubts.*

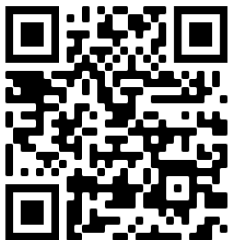
WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Margaret Isom who was received into membership during the Session meeting last Sunday. Please welcome her to our church family following worship.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in worship today are given in honor of Anita Siegers for her work as Clerk of Session.

HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code with your phone camera. Checks may be mailed to NorthPark Presbyterian Church; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

TALK ABOUT IT

Reflecting on today's service, may these questions guide your thoughts and conversations:

1. What is something you were once scared to do, but eventually did because you were with people you trusted?
2. What "stormy seas" threaten to overcome you, our community, the world?
3. How might you (and NorthPark) offer support to those sinking?
4. During seasons of uncertainty, how do you release anxiety and practice trust?

NEWS AND INFORMATION

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Today through September 4, we have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. The regular worship service times of 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. resume on kick-off Sunday, September 11. The sanctuary choir is on hiatus during July and will return Sunday, August 7.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Kathy McCarron is at Ghost Ranch with the youth through July 30. Julia Sargent will be on vacation July 28-31. Greg Miller will be on vacation from August 1-12.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At NorthPark, we are serious about following God without taking ourselves too seriously. Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark, contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org).

TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE TODAY

Every summer Sunday after worship, we meet together for lunch, fellowship, and guided discussion. No prep required. Come with your family or solo, any or all weeks. Gather 15 minutes after the organ postlude concludes in the Narthex (by the TV monitor) to find out where we are eating. If dining out is not in your budget but you want to attend, contact Nicole Bates (nbates@northparkpres.org).

HOMBRES MEET IN PERSON TODAY

This men's study of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation will meet today in the Parlor following the worship service.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Blessing of the Pets will occur during the worship service next Sunday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. All God's creatures are welcome on leashes, in kennels and cages, or bowls and terrariums. Tell a friend and bring your furry family members! Please consider bringing a bag of Pedigree and/or Purina dog or cat food to support Seniors' Pet Assistance Network.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS/TEACHER SUPPLY COLLECTION

Students, mark your calendars for a blessing of the backpacks on August 14 during worship. In lieu of an August Reverse Food Truck collection, we will collect donations of school supplies for teachers. Most needed items will be in listed in upcoming eNews.

LEARN MORE

More information, including a complete calendar of events and staff contact information, can be found on the NorthPark website, northparkpres.org.