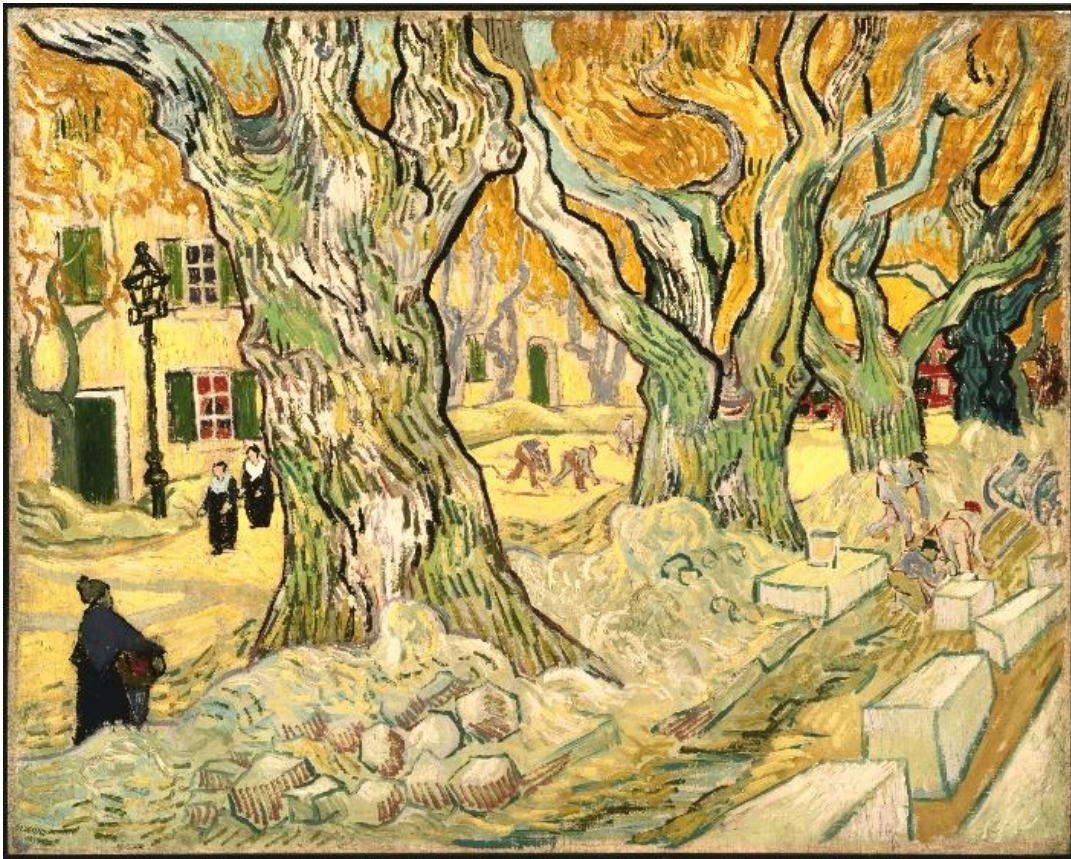


# NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 25, 2025



- Vincent van Gogh, Road Menders

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

- Mother Teresa

## WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRELUDE

Prelude (Suite Antique)  
Ann Moulding, Flute

J. Rutter

## INTROIT

This Is the Day  
Sanctuary Choir  
Tinsley Silcox, Director

Easter Gradual

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Claudia Goode, Liturgist

One: God is at work in the world –

**All: to bring justice to the oppressed,  
to nourish the hungry,  
to shelter the unhoused,  
to set all people free.**

One: We come this morning

**All: to be reminded of God's justice,  
to be nourished by God's presence,  
to find home with God's people,  
to worship in joy and freedom.**

One: When we call, God will answer.

**All: For God's light breaks forth  
and God's resurrection power is in our midst.**

One: Let us worship God!

✠HYMN 749 Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Liberating God,  
there are days when the world feels like it's crumbling.  
There are days when we doubt that we can make a difference.  
There are days when we ask ourselves,  
"What can these two hands do? What can this one voice say?"  
Shake us free of our paralysis and self-doubt.  
Remind us that we are not called to fix everything,  
that we are simply called to do the good that is ours to do.  
With hope in our hearts and a fire in our bones, we pray.  
Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Trusting in this good news,  
join me in proclaiming the promise of grace:

**All: We are loved. We are forgiven.  
We are invited to do the good that is ours to do.  
Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.**

✠Please rise as you are able.

✠HYMN 582    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

**One:            The peace of Christ be with you!  
All:            And also with you!**

**MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN**

Kathy McCarron, Director of Christian Education

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 58, selected verses

**One:            The Word of the Lord.  
All:            Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON        Resurrection Stories: A New Commitment**

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

**We believe in a God who chooses freedom,  
who unties every rope and carries our burdens.  
We believe in a God who ushers in the poor and the hungry,  
who has a seat saved for all of us.  
We believe in a God who walks before us in the parched places,  
who rescues our bones, who tends to us like a gardener.  
And because we believe, we strive to choose love.  
Because we believe, we strive to pursue justice.  
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.

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

**ANTHEM**      When We All Get To Heaven      E. Wilson, arr. Burroughs

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace. In the mansions bright and blessed, he'll prepare for us a place! When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory! Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day, just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory! Victory!

✠**HYMN 609**    Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## ✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠**HYMN 69**      I, the Lord of Sea and Sky      HERE I AM

✠**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.**

✠**RESPONSE**    Lord, Dismiss Us      Sicilian Mariners

**POSTLUDE**      Prelude and Fugue (G Minor)      N. Bruhns  
Louis Walker, Organist

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# TODAY AT NORTHPARK

## WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew. Newcomers - by sharing your contact information, NorthPark will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are in the foyer; a sensory library, with toys and books to borrow, is in the back of the Sanctuary. A table with quiet activities is in the front of the Sanctuary. Childcare is also available for infants – Kindergarten in Room 50. Parents, your little ones may want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through Moments for Children, then go to Room 50 for the rest of worship.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Today begins our summer worship schedule with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. through Sunday, August 31. Kick-Off Sunday will be on September 7 when Sunday School resumes, and there will be one worship service at 11:00 followed by a BBQ lunch. The 8:30 worship service resumes on September 14.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given by the Totty Family in memory of Udoh Okoro Totty.

## 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](mailto:membership@northparkpres.org)).

## TALK ABOUT IT

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

1. How do you combat helplessness, apathy, or whatever it is that tells you that you don't have the ability to affect change?
2. You can't solve all the world's problems, but you can do something that matters. What is yours to do?

## 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 NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### SUMMER CHOIR

We'd love to have you sing with the NorthPark Sanctuary Choir in June and August! Experience the joy of singing familiar anthems chosen by choir members. No audition is needed. There will be only two Wednesday rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. on May 28 and July 30. On Sundays in June and August the choir will rehearse at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. service. There is no choir in July.

### "ON THE ROAD" SUMMER T-SHIRT

If you ordered a T-shirt, please pick it up from Martica Luckey after worship.

### JUNE 8 – WEAR RED AND ORANGE

Plan to join us Sunday, June 8, as we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church! Please wear red to symbolize the fire and passion of God's Spirit. Enjoy a popsicle on the playground after worship. You are also encouraged to wear orange to worship, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day is Friday, June 6. Orange is the color of the gun violence prevention movement.

### JUSTUS

JustUs (community engagement at NorthPark) will meet in the Bride's Room following 10:00 worship on June 1.

### REVERSE FOOD TRUCK

Next Sunday the Reverse Food Truck (RFT) will be in the parking lot to accept items for the pantry at Vickery Meadow. Look for the most needed items in Tuesday's eNews. Volunteers are needed to collect food at Kroger on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. For details, go to [bit.ly/3YRppPy](http://bit.ly/3YRppPy). For questions, contact Kathryn Qualia ([kqualia@northparkpres.org](mailto:kqualia@northparkpres.org)).

### GAMES AND SANDWICHES

Mark your calendar for June 22 when we will gather in Fellowship Hall after worship for games and sandwiches. Sandwich fixings, chips, and cookies will be provided. Please RSVP at the Welcome Desk or at [northparkpres.org/fellowship](http://northparkpres.org/fellowship) by Tuesday, June 17. Everyone is welcome!

### STAFF UPDATES

The church office will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day. Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate, is on vacation through May 31. Rev. Nicole Bates, Cheryl Cunningham, and Kathryn Qualia will be at Camp Gilmont May 29 - June 1 for the All-Church Mission Trip. Rev. Frank Ehman will be the guest preacher next Sunday, June 1.

### LEARN MORE

More information, including a complete calendar of events and staff contact information, can be found on the NorthPark website, [northparkpres.org](http://northparkpres.org).

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