

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

11:00 a.m.



“Lydia of Acts” by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Hospitality is the practice of God’s welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God’s actions bringing justice and healing to our world in crisis.

- Letty M. Russell

PRELUDE Allegro
Louis Walker, Organist

B. Marcello

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Deuillet, Liturgist

One: Shout to God with songs of great joy!
All: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
One: God has made us whole.
All: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.
One: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!
All: Let us praise God's name and serve God with joy.

HYMN Great Are You, Lord

GREAT IS THE LORD

**Great are you, Lord:
you are holy and just;
by your power we trust
in your love.
Great are you, Lord:
you are faithful and true;
by your mercy you prove
you are love.**

**Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord,
and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord.
We lift up our voice;
we lift up our voice:
great are you, Lord!
Great are you, Lord!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

**Great God, you call us to live "set apart":
set apart as those who love our neighbors and our enemies,
set apart as those who offer radical hospitality and undeserved grace,
set apart as those who live for your glory, not for our own.
Forgive us when we do not live as you call us to live.
Transform us into fully intentional disciples of Jesus.
In his name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Faces of Our Faith: Lydia

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

HYMN Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**

**Here, at your table, confirm our intention,
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your Kingdom, whatever your place.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

- From *A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)*

**We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort
in compassion for our neighbors.**

**We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility.**

**We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving,
for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.**

Amen.

FACES OF OUR FAITH: TESTIMONIAL

Jeff Howeth

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

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ANTHEM I Surrender All
Sanctuary Choir Ensemble
Tinsley Silcox, Director

Victor C Johnson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

I'M GONNA LIVE

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

CHARGE

**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.**

Matthew 22:37-39

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Allegro Assai Vivace (Sonata #1)

F. Mendelssohn

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