

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022



“Rizpah” by Lauren Wright Pittman
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

If you are neutral in situations of injustice,
you have chosen the side of the oppressor.

- Desmond Tutu

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Matthew Payton, Youth Mission Trip

PRELUDE

Hornpipe (Water Music)
Louis Walker, Organist

G. F. Handel

✂Please rise as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Neil Orleans, Liturgist

One: When we come to this space,
we bring all of ourselves.

All: **We bring joy and hope, dreams and prayers,
grief and doubt, memories and heartache.**

One: God meets us here.
God loves us exactly where we are.

All: **With open hearts and authenticity,
let us worship good and gracious God.**

✠HYMN 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of creation, humanity is capable of such evil.

**Stories in scripture alongside stories in the news
remind us of that truth all the time.**

**When we choose violence over peace
and exclusion over inclusion, forgive us.**

**When we choose pride over what is right
and comfort over justice, show us mercy.**

**When we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy,
unravel us, for we long to be changed.**

Gratefully we pray. 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

2 Samuel 21, selected verses (The Message)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Unraveled: Rizpah's Lament

✠HYMN 211 Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice (stanza 1)

CHARLESTOWN

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

OFFERTORY

Turn! Turn! Turn!

Carol Blackwood and Bronson Marshall

P. Seeger

✠DOXOLOGY

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is Everett Samuel Dowdy, son of Emily and Tyler Dowdy.

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

Marguerite McCarthy, Elder

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠HYMN 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

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✠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 Allegro Maestoso (Water Music)

G. F. Handel

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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

The torn, messy fabric strips on the communion table represent when our plans fall apart. 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: Write a short prayer naming where the world needs you to speak up against injustice.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers in worship today are given by Kristen Kate and Jim Schneider in celebration of their wedding yesterday evening. The rose on the communion table is in celebration of Everett Samuel Dowdy's baptism.

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 are contemporary examples of public lament in the wake of injustice?
2. Think of a time when you have witnessed someone's public display of grief. How did their actions affect you and others?
3. Imagine if Rizpah grieved quietly in solitude. How might today's story end differently?

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING NORTHPARK?

The Session of NorthPark will meet after the worship service in the Conference Room to receive new members.

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Kathy McCarron is taking children to Ferncliff summer camp today, returning tomorrow.

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).

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Blessing of the Pets will occur during the worship service on 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.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

Friendly greeters are needed on several Sundays in August from 9:45 to 10:10 to welcome those coming in our doors and provide directions, if needed (i.e. nursery, etc.). A sign-up sheet is on the welcome desk. For questions, contact Bonnie Cavin (bjcavin@sbcglobal.net).

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK COLLECTION

The Reverse Food Truck (RFT) is food drive on wheels, furthering NorthPark's mission to put hunger in the rear-view mirror. Donations for the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry can be placed in the red wagon in the narthex anytime. The next collection will be August 7.

LEARN MORE

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