

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest parts of their hearts.

PRELUDE What God Ordains Is Always Good
Louis Walker, Organist

P. Manz

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Betty Creer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Olivia Chen, Liturgist

One: We see hope and joy.
All: We bring mind and body.
One: We share blessings and fears.
All: We know faith and doubt.
One: With all that we have and all that we are,
let us worship God.

HYMN Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

**Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.**

**We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.**

**Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Holy One, we confess that we don't love others as you love us.
We hold grudges. We judge others. We brush off those who ask for our help.
We do not always see the needs around us. We focus on our own busy lives.
Forgive us when we fail to keep your commandment to love one another.
Restore our willingness to reach beyond our comfort zones and seek out those in need.
Guide us back to your ways of generosity and love. In Jesus' 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.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Kathy McCarron, Director of Christian Education

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-43

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

SERMON In Christ's Service: What We Give

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

HYMN Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.**

NONAGENARIAN CELEBRATION

Leo Lee, Molly Stewart
Ellen Mata, Director of Missions and Older Adults

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 When We All Get to Heaven
 Sanctuary Choir Ensemble
 Tinsley Silcox, Director

arr. Bob Burroughs

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

**A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
that all may truly live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.**

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

CHARGE

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.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE The Heavens Declare the Glory of the Lord

B. Marcello

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