

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars.
You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.

C.S. Lewis

WELCOME

Bob McMahon, Liturgist

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

PRELUDE

Tuba Tune
Louis Walker, Organist

C. S. Lang

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of mystery, you called Ananias by name,
and he responded,
All: **“Here I am.”**
One: You called Paul to the work of your church,
and he responded,
All: **by giving his life to your Word.**
One: Similarly, you call us into community and faith,
All: **and we respond with love and time, energy and hope.**
We respond with worship.
One: Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

HYMN 761 Called as Partner's in God's Service

BEECHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of new life, what would we give to have you appear
with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?
Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.
Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.
However, when our lives depend on faith,
we forget your surprising grace.
Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends,
who's in and who's out.
We see the “other,” faster than we see our “neighbor,”
and refuse second chances.
Pull the scales from our eyes.
Help us see as you see.
Help us live as you live.
And forgive us when we fail to do so.
Humbly 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.

¶Please rise as you are able.

⌘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

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-9

SECOND READING

Acts 9:10-20

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

SERMON Unraveled: Paul's Path

Rev. Denise Odom

⌘AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

This We Believe, Bruce Prewer

I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost
and calling us into a new way.
I believe in Jesus of Nazareth
as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow,
Christ also gives us the power to become,
both in creed and deed,
the children of the living God.
I believe in the Spirit
by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him
into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service
which is the fruit of holy friendship.
I believe in the church
as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another
through joys and tribulations as we travel the road
towards the "promised land" of God's future.
Because Christ has called me
in this, I truly 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Called as Partner's in God's Service

D. Hustad

¶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 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

¶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 Psalm 19: The Heaven's Declare the Glory of the Lord

B. Marcello

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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.

GUEST PREACHER

Today we welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Denise Odom. Denise has been in ministry for 20 years, having served the last 6 years at Presbyterian Village North where she is Director of Spiritual Life. She is married to Rev. Andy Odom and has two teen-age daughters.

"UNRAVELED" SUMMER WORSHIP

Each week after worship, you are 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: What belief, identity, or practice do you need to shed? Share it with God.

MISSION PROJECT AFTER WORSHIP

After worship, stick around to build birthday bags for clients of Vickery Meadow Food Pantry. For those who need help putting food on the table, having supplies for a birthday celebration may not be an option. Our goal is to build 200 bags with cake mix, icing, pans, candles, and streamers. We'll meet in the Narthex.

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. Throughout your life, what identities, beliefs, or practices have you shed?
2. How has unraveling from former patterns and identities helped you to grow or become more whole?

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

Nicole Bates is on vacation today. Ellen Mata is on vacation July 11. Cheryl Cunningham is on vacation through July 12. Kathy McCarron will be taking NorthPark children to Ferncliff summer camp on July 17, returning July 18.

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).

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

Friendly greeters are needed on several Sundays this summer 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, please 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.

CASA DE VIDA

The summer program for Casa de Vida meets every other Tuesday and Wednesday, providing respite for families caring for loved ones with various types of dementia. The next meetings are July 12 and 13. The weekly program resumes September 13 and 14.

SAVE THE DATE

The memorial service celebrating the life of Rev. Sally Brown will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30.

LEARN MORE

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