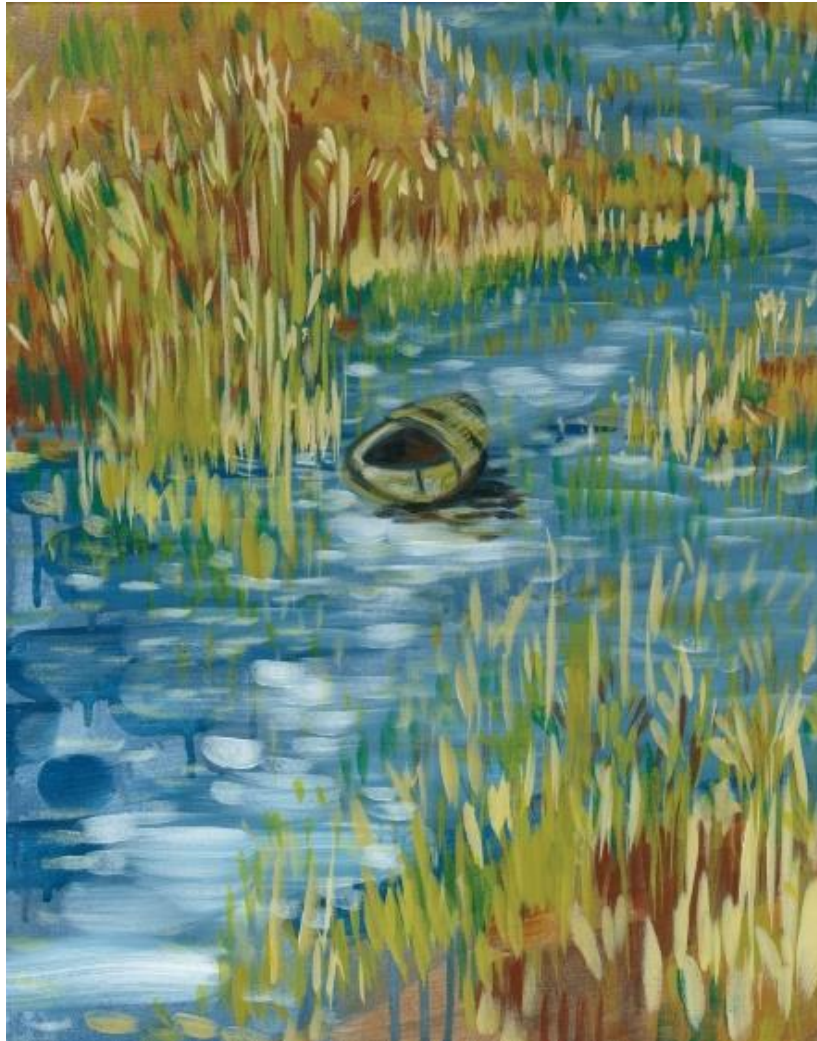


NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are guilty of many errors and many faults,
but our worst crime is abandoning the children,
neglecting the fountain of life.

Many of the things we need can wait.

The child cannot.

Right now is the time his bones are being formed,
his blood is being made,
and his senses are being developed.

To him we cannot answer "tomorrow,"
his name is "Today."

- Gabriela Mistral, *His Name Is "Today"*

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Lord, When I Came into This Life
Louis Walker, Organist

G. M. Martin

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In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Sanderson, Liturgist

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of peace without walls and equality for all people.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of food on tables and an end to suffering.**

One: This morning, we dream together.

This morning, we worship together.

For there is nothing strong enough to unravel God's dreams for us.

✠HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Gracious God, we do not know the plans you have for us.

We do not know, so we place our children into "good schools."

We set aside money for days to come.

We keep our fingers crossed and try to control the world around us.

Having faith in the midst of uncertainty has never been easy for us.

Forgive us for the moments when we refuse to trust you.

Strengthen us, so that when life unravels, we are strong enough to turn to you.

This is our prayer of faith. 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.**

✠Please rise as you are able.

✠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!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Unraveled: A Mother's Plans

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other.

This is our God.

We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms.

He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.

This is Jesus Christ.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true.

This is the Holy Spirit.

We can be the Church which reminds people of God because we love each other.

This we 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

ANTHEM	Amazing Grace Sanctuary Choir Tinsley Silcox, Director	Michael John Trotta
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✠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
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✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN 487	These Treasured Children	PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
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✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	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
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RESPONSE	Fellowship of Love	T. Silcox
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POSTLUDE	Psalms 150:6 "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord!"	D. E. Wagner
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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 for lemonade and cookies. 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.

LEMONADE SUNDAY

Come enjoy lemonade, cookies, and fellowship in the Narthex following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

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: What "plans" do you need to turn over to God? What children in your life (and in the world) need God more than ever?

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Nicole Bates & Trey Angel in gratitude to God for their 7th wedding anniversary.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students of all ages, please bring your backpack (or diaper bag or laptop case) to the chancel today for a blessing as you begin the new school year.

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.

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., with Sunday School for all ages at 9:40 a.m., resume on kick-off Sunday, September 11.

KICK OFF SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, September 11 to kick off a new season of mission, fellowship, study, and worship opportunities for all ages. Information about upcoming studies, faith formation, and mission efforts will be at your disposal that day as well. **Please RSVP** either online at (<https://bit.ly/3padU4A>) or at the welcome desk by Sunday, September 4, for the catered BBQ lunch in Fellowship Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship.

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).

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults gather today at 11:15 a.m. at Cinco Taco, 7949 Walnut Hill Ln., Suite 130. Everyone is welcome!

SECOND CHANCE CAFÉ

NorthPark volunteers will go to The Bridge, a homeless recovery center in downtown Dallas, to serve lunch at Second Chance Café from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Volunteers will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. and carpool to The Bridge. NorthPark serves lunch monthly on third Tuesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Phil Daily (phildaily@sbcglobal.net).

TEACHER SUPPLY COLLECTION

In lieu of an August Reverse Food Truck collection, today we collected donations of school supplies for teachers at Jill Stone Elementary in Vickery Meadow. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

STAFF OUT OF OFFICE

Kathy McCarron is on vacation today. Nicole Bates will be on vacation August 17-18. Julia Sargent will be on vacation August 18-28.

LEARN MORE

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