

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 6, 2025



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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

Reverence requires a certain pace.

It requires a willingness to take detours, even side trips.

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Trumpet Prelude
Louis Walker, Organist

J. H. Roman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Neil Orleams, Liturgist

One: Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

All: **Who has loved us, blessed us, and sent us on our way?**

One: Who has remained with us through every pothole and detour?

All: **We worship the God who journeys with us – our guide and travel companion.**

One: Let us lift our hearts and voices. The journey begins again.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God,
how many times in a day could we choose love?
How many times could we choose justice?
How many times could we offer grace?
How many times, God? And how often do we miss it?
Forgive us for choosing the path you did not travel.
Forgive us for hitching our horse to the world's measure of goodness, instead of yours.
Forgive us for the times we detour from your path.
Return our hearts to you.
With hope we pray. Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: No matter how many times we fall,
no matter how many times we choose the wrong path,
God is waiting for us with open arms.
All: **We are forgiven. We are invited. We belong.**
Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

✠HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

✠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

✠Please rise as you are able.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:17-20, 23-36; 39:20-23

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON On the Road: Detours

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

- Romans 8:31, 35, 37-39

What then are we to say about these things?

If God is for us, who is against us?

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us

from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Beautiful Things

Michael and Lisa Gungor

Cheryl Payton, Soprano; Matthew Payton, Tenor

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way; I wonder if my life could really change at all. All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found; could a garden come up from this ground at all? You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of us. All around hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos, life is being found in you. You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things. You make beautiful things out of us.

✠HYMN 614 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 DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (together)

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (together)

God of life, you have called us to be a blessing, and we thank you for feeding us at your table – preparing us for the work we have to do. Along every leg of the journey, strengthen and inspire us to love one another. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

✠HYMN 543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

✠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 America - A Fugue

E. Thayer

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TODAY AT NORTHPARK

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew. Newcomers - by sharing your contact information, NorthPark will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are in the foyer; a sensory library is in the back of the Sanctuary; a table with quiet activities is in the front of the Sanctuary. Childcare is also available for infants – Kindergarten in Room 50. Parents, your little ones may want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through Moments for Children, then go to Room 50.

ON THE ROAD – MAP AND PICS

Stop by the foyer and mark your summer travel destinations on the map. Pick up a “flat tee” to use in pictures when you travel this summer. Share your pictures at northparkpres.org/ontheroad.

POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND

Stop by the playground after worship today and cool off with a popsicle.

NORTHPARK YOUTH ON THE ROAD

Earlier this morning, Junior High Youth departed for a conference at MO-Ranch. Please pray for safe travels, and a week of fun and inspiration, for these young people.

CENTERING PRACTICES

Are you in need of a rest stop to review GPS on the road this summer? Join us for Centering Practices in the Bride's Room, every summer Sunday from 9:15-9:45 a.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Donate to back-to-school drive for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. More info is at the Welcome Desk or online at bit.ly/441TTRS. Donations should be brought to the welcome desk area by the July 13th deadline.

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT)

The Reverse Food Truck (RFT) is a food drive on wheels, furthering NorthPark's mission to put hunger in the rear-view mirror. The RFT is collecting donations today in the NorthPark parking lot.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Amy & Michael Malone in memory of their fathers, Fred Z. Shafferman and James L. Malone, both veterans.

TALK ABOUT IT

Reflecting on today's service, may these questions guide your conversations:

1. Share an experience where you felt you were on an unexpected path.
2. “Everything happens for a reason.” Where have you heard/said this phrase? When has it caused pain? Provided hope?

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 NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

BEAT THE HEAT

Parents and kids - have fun in the NorthPark gym/youth lounge Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m., through August 6. Contact Kathy McCarron (kmccarron@northparkpres.org) for more info.

FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

NorthPark welcomes first responders and all who want to enjoy a homemade breakfast on Saturday, July 12, 7:00-9:00 a.m. Stop by Fellowship Hall to eat & thank those who support us.

PET BLESSING SUNDAY

Next Sunday, July 13, is the annual pet blessing during worship. Please bring your pets on leashes, in kennels, or in bowls/terrariums. Casual dress and t-shirts are encouraged.

SPAN COLLECTION ON PET BLESSING SUNDAY

Next Sunday, donate to Seniors' Pet Assistance Network. SPAN secures healthy relationships between low-income seniors and their companion animals. A list of pet food needs will be in tomorrow's eNews.

SOULFOOD GREENHOUSE UPDATE

NorthPark's SoulFood Greenhouse just completed its final harvest this season. Over eight seasons, 131,648 pounds of tomatoes have been harvested, providing 394,944 servings to the community. Thanks to all those who volunteered. Season nine will begin in September.

CONVERSATIONS THAT NOURISH THE SOUL

Join us July 27 for a conversation on "The Art of Listening." Learn deep listening skills that build connections. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. RSVP by July 22 (northparkpres.org/conversations).

NEED A SUMMER READ?

Dive into Matthew Desmond's *Poverty, By America*. Explore the complexities of poverty and how Americans contribute to it. Discussion of this powerful book is Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

At NorthPark, we are serious about following God without taking ourselves too seriously. Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark, contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org).

LEARN MORE

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