

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2020

11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome home, NorthPark! We are so glad that you have chosen to worship in-person today.

As we seek to ensure a safe environment for all, we politely ask you to:

- Sit 10 feet from those outside your household (yep – 10 feet. This gives us space to sing!)
- Stay contact-free (no handshakes or hugs)
- Wear your mask (except while receiving communion)
- Record your participation in today's service on the NorthPark website (northparkpres.org)
- Reserve bathrooms for emergency use only (access through North Doors by Fellowship Hall)

Forgot your chair or communion elements? Let the staff know and we'll provide them for you.

PRELUDE

My Sweet Lord
Rodman Steele, Baritone

George Harrison

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF

Liz Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear the voice of God

All: calling us to love our neighbors.

One: We feel the Holy Spirit

All: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.

One: We know the love of Jesus

All: and we love because Christ first loved us.

One: United by our common mission,
let us sing praise to God.

Lily Schwartzkopf, Liturgist

✠Please rise as you are able.

**We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Jesus embodied unconditional love.
All: May we be more like Jesus.
One: Jesus fed those who were hungry.
All: May we be more like Jesus.
One: Jesus drew near to those living on the margins.
All: May we be more like Jesus.
One: Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need.
All: May we be more like Jesus. 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3, selected verses

One: See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God;
and that is what we are.
We know love by this,
that he laid down his life for us –
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.
How does God's love abide in anyone
who has the world's goods
and sees a brother or sister in need
and yet refuses help?
Little children, let us love,
not in word or speech, but in truth and action.
And this is his commandment,
that we should believe
in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and love one another,
just as he has commanded us.
The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON In Christ's Service: Why We Give

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS

NorthPark relies on your generosity to further the ministry and mission of the church. Thank you!

There are three ways to give today:

- *Place your offering in the plate on the communion table.*
- *Mail your check to NorthPark Presbyterian Church (P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454).*
- *Give online (northparkpres.org/online-giving/).*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Solo Deep River
Rodman Steele, Baritone

Traditional

Prayer after Communion (together)

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and have made us one with Christ. Send us now as your disciples, bringing your peace and joy to all the world. Amen.

HYMN Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

BENEDICTION

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