

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | August 2, 2020

*There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God,
to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.*

† *Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol. Even though we cannot be physically present,
let us be spiritually present, rising in one accord to the worship of God.*

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Mr. Joshua McClure

THE PRELUDE | Processional in E flat | *David N. Johnson*

Mr. McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Rogers

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Rogers

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Loving and Sustaining God,
You call us to into covenantal relationship,
to follow you in all things;
to give up the things we cling to,
and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to your purposes.
Give us courage to faithfully follow your leading,
even when we cannot see the outcome,
even when the path you call us to seems impossible to comprehend.
Help us to trust you in all things,
to let go of everything that would stand in the way
of whole-hearted obedience to you.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN | [Hymn 127: all stanzas](#) | [Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah](#)

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. Michael J. Devine

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE | [Hymn 540: stanzas 1, 2 & 5](#) | [I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord](#)

Chancel Choir Staff Singer

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

George Inman Allen

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Rev. Rogers

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Child of Blessing | 11:15AM

Chancel Choir Staff Singers

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grave divine.**

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Rogers

Give online at www.NorthsideUMC.org/donate, or text NorthsideATL to 73256.

THE OFFERTORY | The God of Abraham Praise | *arr. David Giardiniera*

Chancel Choir Staff Singers

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abr'ham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake its wisdom, fame, and pow'r
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself has sworn; I on his oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forever more.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! Our voice in anthems raise;
All might and majesty are thing and endless praise.

THE DOXOLOGY | [Hymn 95](#)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE | Hymn 328 | Surely the Presence

Chancel Choir Staff Singers

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

THE SCRIPTURE | [Genesis 17:1–8](#)

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “[Word & Words: Covenant](#)”

Dr. Burch

Our back-to-school worship series explores where God’s Word and human words intersect. Today’s word is “Covenant.”

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 374: stanzas 1 & 4 | Standing on the Promises ([stanzas](#); [refrain](#))

THE BENEDICTION

Dr. Burch

THE POSTLUDE | Lift High the Cross | *arr. Carolyn Hamlin*

Mr. McClure

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of Zula Myers Jentzen, given by her grandchildren.