



NORTH WILKESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOMING • GROWING • SERVING • LOVING

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 30, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Verso in d minor
Marty Franklin

Dominico Ziploi

Words of Welcome

Rev. R.C. Griffin III

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

All: Let us worship God!

***Hymn (#826)**

Lift High the Cross

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession**

Rev. Amanda Horan

***Prayer of Confession (See Insert)**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.
In return for our old life of sin, he promises a new life of grace.
May we know we are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

***Congregational Response (#582)** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose loves has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination (#454)

Take the Saving Word of God

First Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Anthem

Let There Be Peace on Earth
NWPC Chancel Choir

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

*(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Many: Thanks be to God.**)*

Sermon

Becoming Peacemakers

Rev. R.C. Griffin III

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** from the *Confession of 1967* (inclusive language edition)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God

reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

***Hymn (#351)**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Call to Generosity

Angela Reins

Offertory

Pastorale on O WALY WALY

Allen Mahnke

***Congregational Response (#468, vv. 1, 3)**

In My Life

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: Generous God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts.

All: Use all these offerings and all our lives for your ministry in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn (#372)**

O for a World

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction (#468, v. 4)**

In My Life

***Postlude**

Postlude on AZMON

Anthony Giamanco

***Please rise, in body or spirit.**



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A Litany for Peacemakers

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they walk in the way of Christ.

**All: In a world that glorifies power,
we choose the path of mercy.**

One: For every bomb dropped,
every border fortified,
every voice silenced by fear—

**All: We lift a prayer of protest and promise.
We remember the wounded.
We believe another way is possible.**

One: When we are tempted by apathy,
wake us to compassion.

**All: When we are drawn toward vengeance,
anchor us in love.**

One: Teach us to see your face in the stranger,
the prisoner,
the refugee,
in the one the world forgets.

**All: Make us bold in our witness,
gentle in our resistance,
faithful in our peace.**

One: Christ, our Peace—
unmake the weapons of war,
and disarm our fears.

**All: Send us out as builders of your kingdom,
where swords become plowshares
and all are called beloved. (Silence)**

Lift High the Cross

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Refrain
Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim

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till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,
2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied
3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

the Lamb vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.

to Refrain

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbold, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♯ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)

F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♯ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)

C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♯ with - out end. A - men.

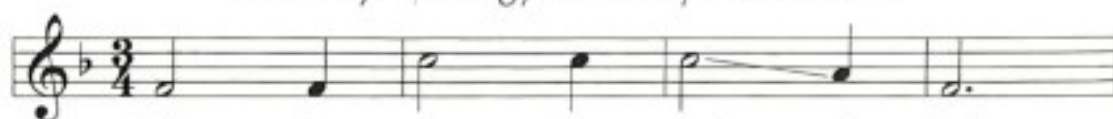
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)

Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

454 Take the Saving Word of God

Dawk'yah towgyah thawy báht-awm



Take the sav - ing word of God;

Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm;



put it first with - in your life.

daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm.



Noth - ing comes be - fore God's ho - ly word.

Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy Gyah O' Boy Daw.

This brief sacred song comes from a Native American tradition now centered in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. As often happens when moving between languages, the English text cannot retain the structure of the original but tries to convey its essential spirit and intention.

TEXT: Pawltaŷ (Kiowa); English vers. John Thoenburg, 2008

MUSIC: Kiowa melody; transcr. Carlton R. Young, 2008

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DAWK'YAH TOWGYAH

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All Who Love and Serve Your City 351

1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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In My Life

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo-ri - fied.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bob Kilpatrick, 1978

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED

4.4.4.4.6

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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