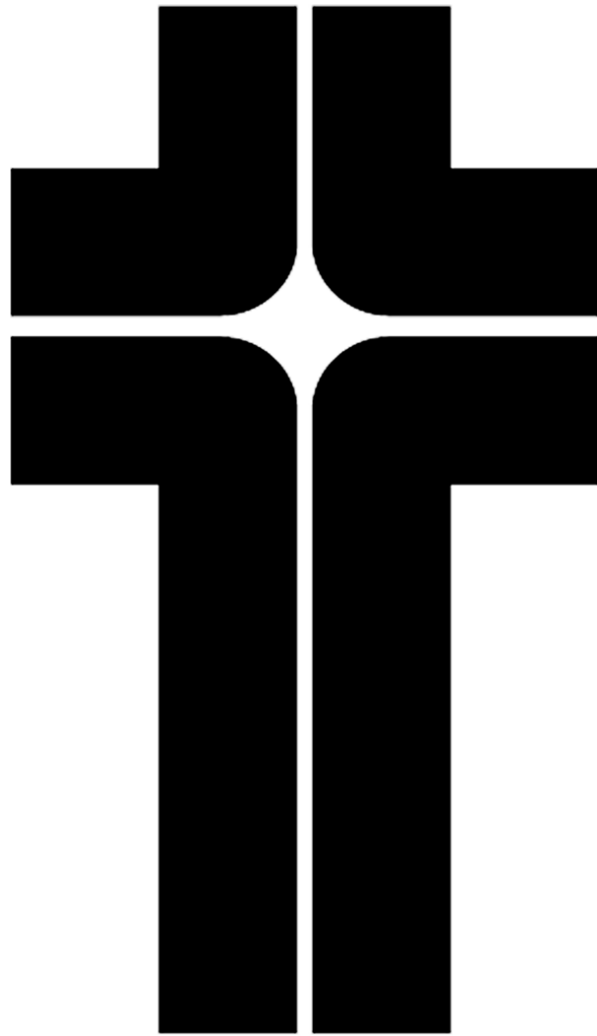




**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2026

11 AM

*INSPIRING TRANSFORMATIVE FAITH
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THREE THINGS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT NORTHRIDGE:

It takes a
village
and we are each
other's.

We welcome all
people
authentically
as they are;
there is no need
to check your
mess at the door.

We seek to
embody the
Charge
in all that we do
in pursuit of
God's Beloved
Community.

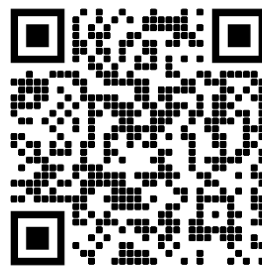


The Art of Gathering

In our life together this program year, we're considering what it means to gather as the Body of Christ in the world today. We'll reflect on the purpose, guest list, rituals, host, connections and commitments of our gatherings. If Gathering is an art, then we'll look at the ways we can be bold in our invitations, hospitality, outreach, and reconciliation. There is a place for you with us!

A Weekend with Dr. Diana Butler Bass October 17-18

Register now for the Saturday Seminar called *A Theology for Now: Rethinking Community as Gratitude, Gathering, and Goodness* with Diana Butler Bass on October 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m. with a Book Signing after. Diana will also preach on Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM worship.



Legacy Circle & The Endowment Fund

Consider making a lasting impact and join the Legacy Circle made up of individuals who have or will include Northridge in their estate plans. Endowment gifts provide long-term stability & support our mission to glorify God and further God's kingdom.

You Are Not Anonymous Here!

God knows you by name and we want to, as well. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table behind the sanctuary. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at office@northridgepc.org.

Kids Belong in Worship Too

We believe children are an integral part of our community and that they belong in worship with us. For children through 1st grade, the Playground is open at the front of the sanctuary. For children, 2nd grade and older, worship bags with interactive children's bulletins and materials to stay engaged during worship are behind the sanctuary. The nursery is also open and staffed with caregivers until worship ends for our youngest kids.

Worship Livestream

Our worship service extends beyond the walls of the Sanctuary in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. You can revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian. You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Melodie

Samuel Maykapar

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

**We gather to worship in the name of Jesus Christ,
our living cornerstone,
who, though rejected by the world,
was chosen and precious in God's sight.
And like living stones,
let us be built up into a spiritual house for God,
offering sacrifices of worship and praise that are pleasing in God's sight.
Let us worship God together!**

✠ Gathering Hymn #490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*

BEACH SPRING

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
your Word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess that we have not obeyed your Word.
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip, we have slandered our friends.**

(silent confession)

*Forgive us our sins,
and lead us to genuine repentance.
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk
that we may grow into the joy of salvation
through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✠ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**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.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Time with Tiny Theologians

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-10

N.T. p.233

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Art of Gathering: Connections

Bert Colter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from *The Nicene Creed* (325 AD)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

✠ Affirmation Response

Now Is the Time to Speak
**Now is the time to pray;
pleading for vision in our day;
light to illuminate our way.
Now is the perfect time.
Now is the moment.**

BROTHERHOOD

Prayers of the People & The 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.**

The Time Is Now: Words on Stewardship

To make an offering via text, send NPC6920 to 73256 and follow the link to the giving page.

Please enter the desired fund where your gift will be recorded.

To make a gift toward your pledge or the general operating budget, choose "Stewardship 2026."

Offertory

I Have Called You by Name

John Weaver

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob; thus says the Lord, who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you.*

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel. For I am the Lord, your God, your Savior.

You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

✠ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Minuet and Trio in F

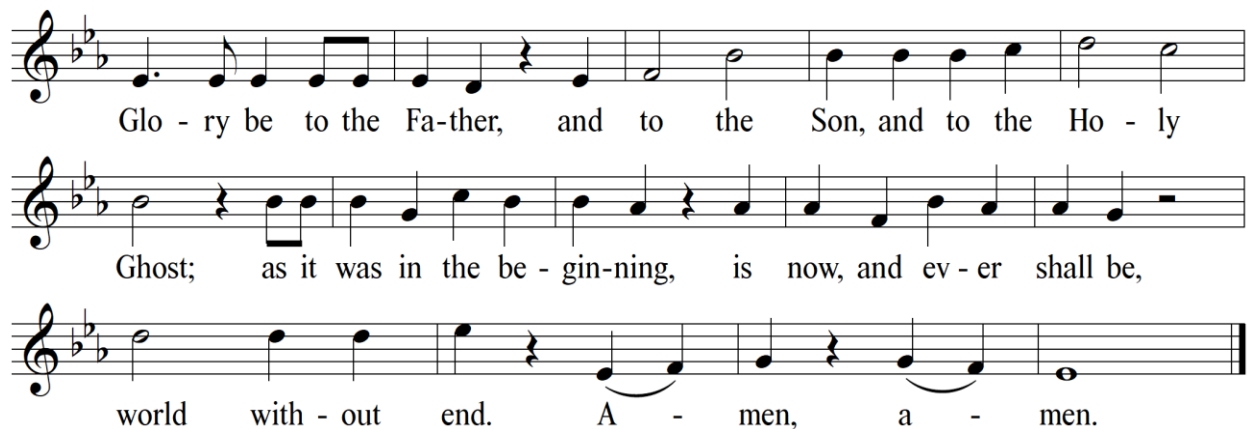
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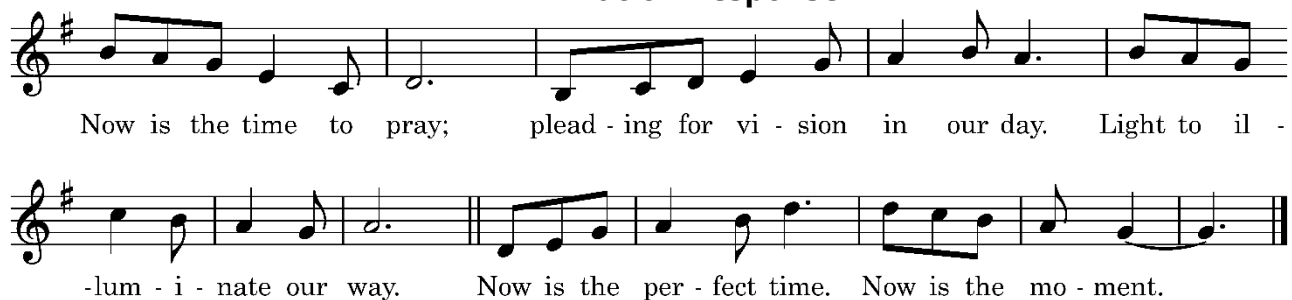
SERVICE MUSIC

✠ Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✠ Affirmation Response



Now is the time to pray; plead - ing for vi - sion in our day. Light to il -
-lum - i - nate our way. Now is the per - fect time. Now is the mo - ment.

✠ Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; one
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (A) C



Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (A) C (D) F



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$ (D) F



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

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MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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We believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy: a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, and pursuing a more just world as we follow the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be the community for you, please reach out to Rev. Rebecca Sicks at rebeccas@northridgepc.org.



Join us!