



**NORTHRIDGE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

March 19, 2023

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## Sunday Mornings at Northridge

### Nametags

You are not anonymous here! It's important to us to call each other by name. We encourage you to wear your nametags, which are found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table. If you are in need of a new nametag, please contact the church office at [office@northridgepc.org](mailto:office@northridgepc.org).

### 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

Join us for this more casual service in the lower parking lot. Children are welcome at the "pryground" area, which features activities based on the day's scripture and is monitored by our childcare team. Questions? Contact Emily Cox, Director of Faith Formation and Head of Staff, at [emilyc@northridgepc.org](mailto:emilyc@northridgepc.org).

### 10:00 a.m. Connection Hour

In between the two services, join us for connection opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Two adult classes are available this Sunday.

**The Last Week** led by Bryan Jones, Room 130/131

A class to study what Jesus said and did, day by day, during the last week of his life, Holy Week. Jesus proclaimed the already present kingdom of God against the Roman empire and the Temple system that oppressed the people of Israel. Book source: *The last week: What the gospels really teach about Jesus's final days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

**Hope: A User's Manual**, by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

Book based discussion class. As people of resurrection, we are called to live in hope. The author suggests that the more we lean into hope the easier it becomes. Room 135

### 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. for our more traditional service (which is also available via livestream). Kids can borrow items from our sensory library in the narthex to stay engaged during worship.

### Lent Sermon Series "Seeking"

In worship throughout the season of Lent, we will continually ask ourselves: *What am I seeking? What is God seeking?* Our six-week sermon series, based on materials from A Sanctified Art, is called "seeking: honest questions for deeper faith." Each week we will reflect on a different question that comes from a story in scripture. We'll pay attention as Jesus encounters different people in different places and circumstances, including Nicodemus at night, a Samaritan woman at a well, and a man who is blind. As we approach Palm Sunday, we will ask where Jesus is headed, and what that means for us. Lent is a time when we are encouraged to reflect on who we are and who we hope to be, and you are invited to come along on this journey of seeking.

# NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

*We invite you to be fully present by silencing your cell phone during worship.*

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

*Forever, Lord, You Are My Shepherd*

Shelton/Brody

Welcome

## PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

† indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit

### † Call to Worship

*Scripture is full of questions.*

**Where are you?**

*Whom shall I send?*

**Who do you say that I am?**

*Who sinned?*

**How many times shall I forgive?**

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

**May we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.**

*Let us ask our questions and seek after our merciful God.*

**Let us worship God together.**

### † Gathering Hymn #377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we have sinned.**

**We put our heads in the sand.**

**We ignore people in need.**

**We make false assumptions and fail to be kind.**

**We are in need of forgiveness.**

*silence for personal confession*

*Forgive us, Merciful God,*

**and remind us that you do not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.**

**Remind us that when we suffer, you weep.**

**Remind us that when we lose our way, you come running.**

**Thank you for your immense and boundless love. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Recognizing that we are forgiven, let us proclaim:*

**In Christ, we are made new! We are loved!**

**We are held in God's grace! We belong to God! Amen.**

✦ Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Young children are invited to Room 117 for songs, stories, and playtime.*

✦ 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.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

N.T. p.102

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks

seeking: *Who sinned?*

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

✦ Affirmation of Faith

*We believe in a merciful God,*

**a God who does not keep score,**

**a God who wants good for us.**

*We believe in a creative God,*

**a God who would heal with mud,**

**a God capable of seeing what we cannot.**

*We believe in a saving God,*

**a God who heals,**

**a God who greets our questions with patience,**

**a God who sends us out with hope in our step.**

*What wondrous love is this. Amen.*

✦ Affirmation Response

Hymn 494, vs.5

**O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright.**

**O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

The Prayers of the People



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-veal your-self to us.

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.**

Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](tel:1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift.  
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory

*Amazing Grace*  
Jeemini Lee, flute

Richard Proulx

✦ Doxology

**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 #182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

✦ 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

*An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653*

J.S. Bach

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**Leading worship today:**

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Guest Preacher

Rev. Savannah Shivers, Dickson Pastoral Resident

Bryan Page, Director of Music

Destin Wernicke, Organist

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).



## Life Together

### Find Us Online

Enjoy today's service? You can always revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/c/NorthridgePresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/c/NorthridgePresbyterian).

You can also view or listen to previous sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

At Northridge, we believe that the church is a gift that everyone deserves to enjoy. The church is a community of people who are committed to doing life together – enduring life's heartaches and celebrating life's joys, seeking out laughter, pursuing a more just world and following the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be that community for you, please reach out to Emily Cox, [emilyc@northridgepc.org](mailto:emilyc@northridgepc.org).



### ✠ 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.

The musical notation for the Gloria Patri is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

### ✠ 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.

The musical notation for the Doxology is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378

1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie

- 2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,

in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,

We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.  
 when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"  
 to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.

when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;

Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home;  
 still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:  
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,

a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.

we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.  
 sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6-9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.



## Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 494

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of  
 2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est  
 3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to  
 4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our  
 5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that  
 those that on thee call; to them that seek thee  
 feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the  
 change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious  
 mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.  
 thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.  
 foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.  
 smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.  
 sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

This 19th-century American translation of stanzas from a longer Latin poem is so well shaped that it sounds like an original meditation on Christian experience centered on the Lord's Supper. The North American tune name seems not to have originated with the English composer.

# 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him,  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

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The church office remains open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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