



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*Genesis, Rated M for Mature:
Creation*

June 8, 2025



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Day of Pentecost

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,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | All Creatures of Our God and King | *arr. Anna Laura Page*

Mr. Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Douglas Herlong

THE CHORAL INTROIT | This Is the Day | *Joshua McClure*

Chancel Choir

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

—Based on Psalm 118:24

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Herlong

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We come to worship the Creator of all life.

People: **We come to remember that we are part of God's good creation.**

Pastor: Let us worship with awe and wonder.

People: **Let us praise the one who brings beauty from chaos. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 62: stanzas 1–3 & 7 | All Creatures of Our God and King

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. Nathan Schreer

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 GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

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.

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Herlong

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC | I Will Worship You | *Marshall Lawrence*

Youth Choir;
Mr. Schreer, *director*

Lord Jehovah, God Most Holy, I will lift my praise to You,
in the stillness of my spirit I will worship You;
Some men claim to be your equal, foolishly they laugh at You,
They proclaim themselves divine, but I will worship You;
Only You deserve acclaim, so in humility I praise Your holy name,
God of Abraham and Isaac, God of Jacob, Lord of Truth,
You are faithful to your children, I will worship You.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Ella Hughes

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Rev. Herlong

**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 | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise | 11:15AM

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

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Sara Maughan

We invite all children to come forward for a message from Rev. Sara.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Vacation Bible School

Rev. Maughan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Herlong

**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 HYMN OF PREPARATION | Hymn 144: stanza 1 | This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

THE SCRIPTURE | Genesis 1:1–2, 31 | Pew Bible, pg. 1

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “Genesis, Rated M for Mature: Creation”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 145: all stanzas | Morning Has Broken

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Herlong

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THE OFFERTORY | “In the Beginning” and “The Heavens Are Telling” from *The Creation*

Chancel Choir;

Natalie Rogers, Austin Cripe

Kyle Hildebrand & Greg Hucks, *soloists*

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth;
and the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters;
and God said, Let there be Light, and there was Light.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.

—By *Franz Joseph Haydn*; Based on *Genesis 1 & Psalm 19:1*

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong

11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 144: stanza 3 | This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

THE POSTLUDE | The Rejoicing | *Charles Callahan*

Mr. McClure

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

In remembrance of Hirsch Parke Hart, by his parents, Lisa and Max Hart.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Douglas Herlong, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Sara Maughan, *Pastor of Children's Ministry*

AFFILIATED CLERGY

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*

Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired*

TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Joshua McClure, *Director of Worship & Organist* • Nathan Schreer, *Director of Music*