



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

School Supplies: Eraser

August 23, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Thirteenth Sunday after 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 | Celebration Fanfare | *Charles Callahan*

Brass Quartet & Organ

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

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

Chancel Choir

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

—Based on Psalm 118:24

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We come before the God who knows every mistake.

People: **We come trusting in God's mercy and forgiveness.**

Pastor: As an eraser removes the mistakes from a page,
God's grace wipes away our guilt and gives us a new beginning.

People: **Thanks be to God, whose mercy makes all things new.**

Pastor: God's forgiveness and mercy have no limit and is not bound
by human conception of grudges and revenge.

People: **We come seeking to model that forgiveness and mercy in our lives.**

Pastor: Let us worship the God who forgives, restores, and makes us whole.

People: **We come with grateful hearts to worship our God who gives fresh starts.
Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #98: all stanzas | To God Be the Glory

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

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.**

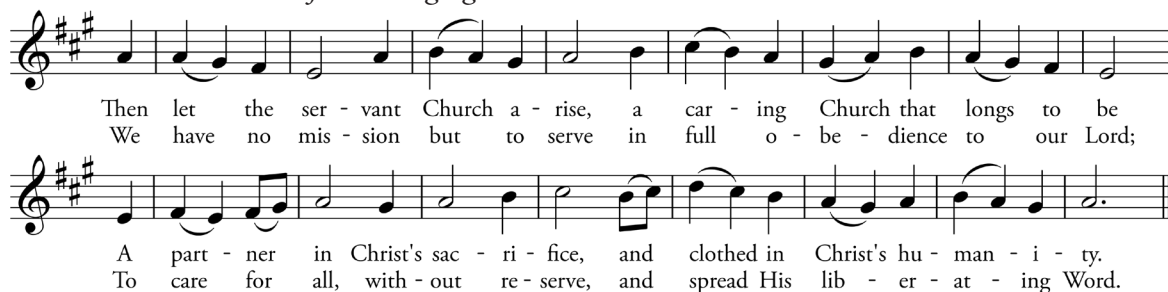
† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Boothe Olson

THE HYMN OF MISSION | No Greater Love | *arr. Craig Courtney*

*There is no greater love, no greater love than this:
that we sacrifice our lives for a friend.*

Please remain seated and join in singing as directed.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

James Thomas

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Nathan Schreer

**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

Mary Bingham

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Adult Discipleship

Dr. James Johnson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. 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 HYMN OF PREPARATION | #191: stanza 1 | Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

† THE SCRIPTURE | Luke 6:37–38 | Pew Bible, pg. 1469

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “School Supplies: Eraser”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #377: stanzas 1, 2 & 4 | It Is Well with My Soul

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Boothe Olson

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God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
 nature's wonder, Jesus's wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
 gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one,
 Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
 born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
 ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

—Robert L. Edwards

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

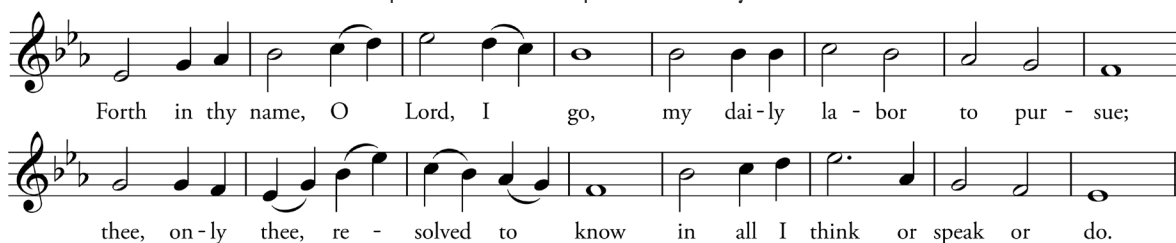
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #438: stanza 1 | Forth In Thy Name



THE POSTLUDE | The Rejoicing | *Charles Callahan*

Brass Quartet & Organ

Instrumentalists

Michael Tiscione & Karl Liberatore, *trumpets*; Wes Funderburk & Stephen Wilson, *trombones*

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

In memory of Dannie McElroy Propst, given by her husband, Toby Propst, and her family.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Dana Ezell, *Associate Pastor*

AFFILIATED CLERGY

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*
 Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY

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