



We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

by Timothy Rees

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. JJ Wicke

Leader: We come before God as equal in God's sight.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

People: Yet God has called us God's children and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

Leader: We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

People: Thanks be to God who trusts us and pours God's abundant love on us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130

THE PEACE

[If you are worshipping alongside someone else, take a moment to tell them "peace be with you" in the name of our Lord. As you do, we invite you to extend your cupped hands toward others who may be with or near you as a sign of offering the peace that Christ gives us. If you are alone, place your cupped hands over your heart, as a sign that you accept the peace God offers you and your willingness to be a bearer of peace in the world.]

ANTHEM

"Child of God"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Walter Ehret

We Seek to Hear from God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 10: 35-45

SERMON SERIES: Take Up Your Cross

SERMON

Refocus

Rev. JJ Wicke

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

We Respond to God

TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Tyler Steele

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

INVITATION TO GIVE

DOXOLOGY

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.

UMH #95

We Leave to Serve God in the World

CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

UMH #584

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

3 Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,

asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Northwest Hills UMC Weekly Announcements: **Upcoming Events & Opportunities**

Hands of Housing: October 23

Help a neighbor stay in their home by helping to maintain it. We will do exterior painting with a team from Bethany UMC. The rain date is October 30. To sign up contact Dee Susong at lolabeetle@gmail.com.

Thursday Women's Bible Study

The Thursday Women's Bible study will begin a new 8-week study with video "The Epic of Eden: Psalms" by Sandra Richter. All women are invited to our Zoom study from 10:00 - 11:30 am, starting Thursday, Oct 28. Please contact Paulette Payne for information on ordering the study guide or if you have any questions.

Join the Choir or Handbells

The Choirs would like to welcome new members or interested guests of ALL AGES to join us! The Handbell Choir practices on Wednesdays from 5:45pm - 7:15pm, and the Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. Please contact our new Director of Traditional Music, Cody Parrott, at cody@nwhillsumc.org for more information.

Puerto Rice Mission Trip Interest Meeting:

Save the Date: November 1 on Zoom. Email missions@nwhillsumc.org for the Zoom link.

Habitat for Humanity:

Sign up to help build a home at 7101 Zachary Dr, Austin as part of the 2021 Methodist Build on November 6 from 8 am - 4 pm. Youth ages 16-17 can participate with a parent. Sign up at <https://austinhabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/nwhillsumc/>.

Family Fall Festival:

Save the Date: Sunday, November 7 following worship
We will have an outdoor family festival with live music, spiced cider, a food truck, games, and photo ops!
Plus, live music with Juan C & the Keylimes!

Donate and help us set up this great family event with the following items: scarecrows for decorating the campus, small/medium/large bags of caramels, M&Ms, and candy corn for games and prizes, and mini pumpkins!

Communion Servers

Our church is in need of volunteers to prepare and serve the communion elements each Sunday at the 9:00 service. Below is the link to a Sign Up Genius page for the remainder of Oct. If you prefer not to use the sign up page, but would like to help, please email or call Kim Hoffman at kadhoffman@yahoo.com or 512-576-3296.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BA5AF22A75-communion>

Reminders

We've updated our giving platforms so you can give your tithe or gift more securely and easily than ever:
Give Online, PayPal Giving Fund, via Text, via the Church Center App, via Mail, or In-person.

Resources/Support

We have trained Stephen Ministry volunteers standing ready to give you confidential, non-judgmental, empathetic listening and care. If you would like to learn more or request a Stephan Minister, contact Pastor JJ Wicke, at 512-345-1743, Stephen Leaders Diane Coleman at 512-560-1828 or Jim Beck at 512-925-7611.

To submit a prayer request or receive ongoing prayer, contact Connie Ellis at drcllellis@gmail.com