

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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May 7, 2023
11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Derek K. Hakes
“Bound for the Promised Land”
Revelation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) Rosalie Pareja

Leader: “For I have plans for you” declares the Lord!

People: Plans for a future with hope.

Leader: We put our trust in the Lord,

People: for he who promised is faithful.

All: Let us rejoice and worship God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

*HYMN #612 “We Praise You, O God” KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’er take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Eli Jeffre, Youth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Holy and merciful God, we admit that we often ignore your call. We lean not on your understanding and fail to acknowledge your work in our lives. We try to pave our own paths, yet always return to yours. We know we need your grace but often feel underserving. We hide when we need your help and reflect our troubles on others. We tear each other down when we know you've called us to lift each other up. We second guess our gifts and ignore the tools you've given us. O Lord you know our weaknesses, our failures, and our flaws. Yet you still call us friends. Lord, have mercy on us. Remind us that you turn mourning to dancing, give beauty for ashes, and turn shame into glory. Restore and redeem our hearts, O God. For you have paid it all through Christ Je-sus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

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**

*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together)*

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

**"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Arnold B. Sherman
*(with the Revelation Ringers)***

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain***

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 29:11;
Hebrews 10:23-25

SERMON

“Your Grace Exceeds”
Rosalie Pareja, Director of Youth and Families

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Bishop’s Promenade”

Norman Coke-Jephcott

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,
feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist