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Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 1, 2023**

**11:00am**



**WORLD**  
**COMMUNION**  
**SUNDAY**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**October 1, 2023**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion**  
**Sunday**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY    “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”  
arr. Erica Mundy

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Sharon & Ken Carder— Transfer of Letter, First UMC, St. Petersburg  
Pat Gorman— Transfer of Letter, Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola  
Elaine & Charlie Rumpel— Re-Affirmation of Faith  
Barbara Smith— Transfer of Letter, Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor  
Emily & John Sutphin— Transfer of Letter, Rolling Hills Presb., Kansas  
Charlie & Mike Wood— Re-Affirmation of Faith

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive, from Luke 13:29; John 17:10-11*)

Leader: People will come from east and west,

**People: from north and south,**

Leader: and will sit at table together in the kingdom of God.

**People: Jesus prayed that his disciples might be one.**

Leader: We may be united in fellowship through God’s Holy Spirit.

**All: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

\*HYMN #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

**Almighty God: from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ 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

## “The Welcome Table”

arr. Joel Raney

*I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord,  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah!  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table  
And we'll break bread together on our knees, one of these days.*

*I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, O Lord.  
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven one of these days, Hallelujah!  
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven,  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.*

*I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus, O Lord,  
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus one of these days, Hallelujah!  
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus,  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.*

*And we'll break bread together on our knees.  
Yes! We'll break bread together on our knees, one of these days.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me..*

*Oh I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir, O Lord,  
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir one of these days, Hallelujah!  
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir,  
and I'll sit at the welcome table, One of these days.*

## 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

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 8:54-61 (NRSV)  
Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

### SERMON

“Knees and Tongues”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #509  
(*stanzas 1,3*)

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

## 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 #504 “We Come as Guests Invited” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccatina”

Guglielmo Lardelli

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

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist