HYMN NOTES:
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (65)
At the urging of a Welsh evangelist, the author, William Williams began writing hymns as a Welsh Calvinist-Methodist minister. His brother, Peter, who was later expelled from the church for heresy, provided the translations. The composer of the music, John Hughes, was invited in September 1907 to compose a new tune for an approaching annual Cymafla Ganu (Singing festival) at the Chapel Rhondda in Hafniosk, Pontypidd (Wales). Some weeks later Hughes was inspired to work on the tune and devoted most of the day to the task, completing it before bedtime. It was sung for the festival that November and at more than 5000 others by 1930. The popular tune did not enter English hymnals until after the composer’s death, largely because he carefully guarded the copyright. Originally the tune was called simply RHONDDA, the name of the nearby river as well as the chapel where it was first sung, but was later renamed to avoid confusion with a tune of the same name. The name, CWM RHONDDA (pronounced coom HRON-duh), means “Rhondda valley.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
- Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.
- Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Citylight Schedule 5/2 - 5/9

- SUNDAY 5/3
  9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
  10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
  8:30 PM - JACk BOX VIA ZOOM

- TUESDAY 5/4
  7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
  7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

- WEDNESDAY 5/5
  7:00 PM - BEACH DAY AT HONEYMOON ISLAND
  MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:30 AM OR MEET US AT HONEYMOON ISLAND ANYTIME AFTER 11:00 AM - LUNCH PROVIDED - PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW

- THURSDAY 5/6
  7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
  7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

FLOWER ORDERS & DONATION COSTS FOR FLOWERS ORDERED FOR WORSHIP ARE MADE USING THE “2020 FLOWER RESERVATION CHART” ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN. DURING THIS TIME WHEN WE ARE NOT MEETING FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP, PLEASE forward your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

“The person is like a TREE planted by STREAMS OF WATER, which yields its fruit in season andwhose leaf does not wither- whatever they do prospers.”

Psalm 1:3
Order for the Worship of God
August 2, 2020
9th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands and shout your praise.
People: Jesus is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.
Leader: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.
People: God calls us into partnership with Christ Jesus and bids us walk in the light.
Leader: How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity. Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Interpretation on Wareham” David Cherwien
(based on the tune of the middle hymn, #457)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
God of light, you have called us into partnership, but we have chosen instead to go our own way. You have given us light and we have preferred to walk in the shadows. You call us to truth while we cling to our lies. We try to fool others and end up deceiving ourselves. Come to us in our confusion and sin to forgive us, we pray, and make us whole.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

SOLO “Tree Song” Ken Medema
Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1:1-4 (NRSV)

VERSE 3: “They are like trees planted by streams of water…”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” WAREHAM
Promise
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Maestoso” Aaron David Miller
(a transcribed improvisation from November 2017)

That ignite Action!