HYMN NOTES:
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (353)
Written by Edward Mote (1797-1874) this hymn was originally titled “The Immutable Basis of a Sinner’s Hope.” When telling of this hymn (he wrote more than 100) Mote stated that “one day it came into my mind as I went to labor to write a hymn of the ‘gracious experience of a Christian.’” The hymn was first sung at the bedside of a dying parishioner and met with instant favor and was soon published (1836). Mote was born in London where his parents owned a pub and grew up quite irreverent. He attended a school that did not allow Bible reading. At sixteen he became an apprentice cabinetmaker. His employer took him to hear John Hyatt preach, which Mote pointed to as the beginning of his conversion. He wrote, “O ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God.” Converted, he became an English Baptist pastor and is buried in the churchyard of Horsham Baptist Church—his beloved parish which he served for 26 years.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, August 16:
Alice Russell, Beverly Field, Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor, Hannah Fish
Monday, August 17:
Richard Naider, Dan Gipson
Tuesday, August 18:
Atticus Ulrich
Wednesday, August 19:
Tommy Donnelly, Jim McGordy, Barbara Henry, Victor Valdes, Kathleen O’Leary
Thursday, August 20:
Dennis Rasmussen, Suzanne Rimmelr, Bucky Helms, Jeff Voss, Brad Hanway, Isabella Latorre
Friday, August 21:
Margie Gott, Catherine Somers, Dominic Fuoco

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jean Swintek In Loving Memory of my Brother Bobby

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers offered 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 send 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!

“Then Jesus said to her, WOMAN, you have great FAITH. Your request is GRANTED and her daughter was healed at that moment.”
Matthew 15:28

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/

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. All are welcome!

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 5/16 - 5/23
- SUNDAY 5/16
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACK BOX VIA ZOOM
- TUESDAY 5/18
7:30 PM YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- THURSDAY 5/20
7:30 PM CITYWIGHT VIA ZOOM
- FRIDAY 5/21
8:30 PM TRIVIA VIA ZOOM
- SUNDAY 5/23
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:00 PM - BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER & BLESSING VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/f9c17cc5e75f/citylight-updates-1399232
Order for the Worship of God
August 16, 2020
11th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: The Lord is our Rock, our Fortress, our Deliverer, our Savior in whom we take refuge.
People: For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?
Leader: The LORD lives! Praise be to our rock! Exalted be our God, the Rock, our Savior!
People: Therefore we will praise you, LORD, among the nations; we will sing the praises of your name.
All: Let us worship the God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
(stanzas 1,3,4)
All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
him to all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
we join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, you invite us to draw near to you, to share our hearts with you, to live life with you. Forgive us when we keep you at arms length. Forgive us when we live life on our own terms, relegating you to the margins. Forgive us when we mostly talk about you, rather than to you. In your mercy give us eyes that see, ears that hear and hearts that respond to the love and grace you freely give to us in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, for it’s in his precious name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581
“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall” Mark A. Miller

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

SERMON “Engaging God in the Hard Conversations of Our Lives”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(stanzas 1,2,4)
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

SOLID ROCK

MESSAGE “Engaging God in the Hard Conversations of Our Lives”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION “Who You Are to Me”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The Solid Rock” Don Hustad

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director