**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

8:15 AM **CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM **CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds–2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil
3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. We’ll be in service for the first 20 minutes or so and then we’ll move to the City for Sunday School.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
We’ll welcome Al Barrett, Ministry Director of Threads of Hope, a Ministry of Missionary Ventures International. This is a great opportunity to learn about the miracles God is working among the Massai people in Kenya through this Northwood-supported mission. As always, we’ll have coffee and cookies.

9:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study Room 10
Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study and will continue on Sundays through May 13th. This class will teach and discuss the basic tools in sharing and talking about your faith with non-Christians. All are welcome.

11:00 A.M. **Experiencing God Class** will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
Order for the Public Worship of God
April 22, 2018
Gifts of Women Sunday
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

THE GATHERING
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Heather Wood (8:15)
Barbara Englehart (11:00)
Leader: We gather to worship God, for He is good.
People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: We gather to worship God, for He has called us and has given us gifts to be faithful people.
People: We remember that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Alleluia! Amen!” Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Celebration Ringers
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS
Patty Martin (8:15)
Sue Miskiewicz (11:00)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(See bulletin insert for instructions.)

*HYMN #233 “The Day of Resurrection”
LANCASHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds, and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
ANTHEM “The Gift of Love” arr. Hal Hopson
Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
 Though I may give all I possess and striving to my love profess,
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs - 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
(page 35)
Jackie Koski (8:15)
Linda O’Leary (11:00)

CALL TO OFFERING
Pam Wood (8:15)
Marli Huff (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING “How the Green Blade Rises” Michael Burkhardt
(based on the Easter hymn at #247)

*ADOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

*HYMN #39 FAITHFULNESS
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

BENEDICATION
SUNG BLESSING “Peace to You, Sisters, Brothers” Jillian Bray
(please be seated)
Barbara Washburn, soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Today, God’s Only-gotten Son” J.S. Bach

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

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU