HYMN NOTES: “Happy the Home When God Is There”
This hymn by Henry Ware, Jr. (1794-1843) was first published in 1846 three years after the author’s death under the title “The Happy Home.” Ware was a minister in Boston where for a while, the noted American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson served as his assistant. In this hymn the Christian home is described and extolled as the place of God’s indwelling where children learn from parental example that prayer, Bible reading, and study are routines leading to happiness. The hymn has been omitted from several current hymnals as committee question whether the inference may be drawn that unhappiness in a home necessarily demonstrates a family’s lack of Christian commitment and God’s absence. It is perhaps more reasonable to assume that it celebrates children seeing and learning by example from parental behavior—a valuable memory of positive Christian actions.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Memory of Jackie’s Mom
Stephanie Carson
In Memory of Jim Carson
Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flow-

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…. Sunday, May 8:
Barbara Thompson, Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmimer
Monday, May 9:
Jane Sutton, Stanley Pyrek, Carol Pyrek, Hilary Tonelli, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson
Tuesday, May 10:
Wednesday, May 11:
Ray Spigarelli, David Fraser
Thursday, May 12:
Pete Poston, Cheryl Lapham
Friday, May 13:
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
AColyTey:
(8:15) James Birch
(11:00) Aidan McDermott

GREETERS:
(8:15) Charlotte & Fred McQuown
(11:00) Matha & Ken Tobissien

USHERS:
(8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Jon Mills, Roger Sny

VAN DRIVER:
Jerry Koski

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message with Justine Ruiz.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Bree & Dan Greff.
Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith.
3rd-4th Grades, Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Tanya & Todd Adkisson.
5th Grade, Room 12
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 12 with Bridgette & Roger Ulrich.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year), Children may remain in worship with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship with Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens.
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 AM Serendipity Class
Join us in rooms 13 & 15.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)
We all feel better when the government takes action to help a group of citizens who have been impacted by terrorists. Bunny and Bill Bieter will lead the class in a discussion that asks the question, “How much is too much?” Cookies and coffee will be an added treat for what promises to be a surprise.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class
Join us in room 15 as we explore 10 key beliefs, practices and virtues of Christian faith. Our goal: how to think, act and be more like Jesus.

(For additional adult education opportunities listed on the announcements page.)
WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Voluntary on ST. AGNES” Emma Lou Diemer
(based on the next hymn, “Happy the Home…”) OLD HUNDREDTH

*DOXOLOGY—#606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Happy the Home When God Is There” ST. AGNES
Happy when God is there, and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on BRYN CALFARIA” Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)
(This tune is paired with two hymn texts celebrating Christ’s Ascension—celebrated this year on May 5. See Hymn #272, “God You Rule with Royal Bearing;” also the more common “Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious!” which is not in our Glory to God hymnal.)

(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

(Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship.)

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