

Hymn Notes:

“Earth and All Stars” (26)

This exuberant hymn of praise represents Psalm 98 (Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord). It was written by Lutheran pastor and poet Herbert F. Brokering (1926-2009) for the 90th anniversary of St. Olaf College in Northfield MN. Phrases from the original six stanzas have been shuffled around to produce the four stanzas we have in *Glory to God*. The original stanza 5 reflecting the context of a college setting has been left out completely:

Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

The phrase “marvelous things” does not appear in the KJV of the Bible, however influenced by the biblical translation in the RSV and NRSV, the repeated last line of each stanza comes from the rendering of Psalm 98:1 which reads, “O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, May 6:** Joyce Curvin, Trish Cole, Ronald Elam
- Monday, May 7:** Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons, Sarah Birch
- Tuesday, May 8:** Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmner
- Wednesday, May 9:** Carol Pyrek, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson
- Thursday, May 10:** Marquette McManus
- Saturday, May 12:** Stacie Cody, Cheryl Burns, Ryan Williamson, Kaitlyn McManus, Kevin O’Leary, Danny Alexander, Alexis Cole

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



Stephanie Carson

In Memory of Jim Carson (10 years)



Beth & Raymond Linville

In Memory of Pat & Bob on their Anniversary

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Sarah Birch
- (11:00) Claire Cantin

Ushers & Greeters



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Mary Duffey & Jay Basinger
- (11:00) Nancy Johnson & Polly Brown

USHERS:

- (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Herman Gaillard & Fred McQuown
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Mike & Linda O’Leary



VAN DRIVER: Tom Zareczny

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– Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jane Winne & Kim Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Bree & Dan Greff.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Chrissy Raborn & Jessica Jones.

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 School youth are NOT 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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

Yet another school shooting. Yet more calls for greater, or less gun control. How should our faith and Scripture inform our reactions? Ken Tobiassen will lead our discussion. As always, we’ll have coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

9:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky will continue teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study, today, May 6th at 9:30AM in room 10 and will conclude next Sunday, May 13th. This class is a Bible study that will give you the basic tools to talk about your faith with non-Christians.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 6, 2018



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Let us serve the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God!

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord; let us bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: With thanksgiving, and joy, let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Jubilation Ringers

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #26** “Earth and All Stars” EARTH AND ALL STARS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Ever-Present God, how astonishing it is that “your eyes are open and your ears attentive” to our prayers! How amazing that you hear our unspoken whispers, that you’re acquainted with all of our goings and comings. How remarkable that you desire to partner in life with us! Forgive our yawning response to this great good news. Forgive us for living by schedules that crowd you out and for agendas that have no room for the eternal. In your grace, move within our hearts in such a way that we would “humble ourselves and pray” and “seek your face” so that we might draw close to you and bear much fruit for Jesus’ sake. 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.

ANTHEM “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. Robert W. Thygerson

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, O Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, as we sing, we sing thy grace.*

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.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Earth and All Stars” David Cherwien
(based on the opening hymn #26)

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-11 *(page 878)*

SERMON “Productive Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(together, hymnbook page 35)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND 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.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING

“Prelude on JEFFERSON” David Cherwien
“Prelude on O FILII ET FILIAE” Flor Peeters

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #496** “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed” AFRON

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “God Be with Us” Alfred V. Fedak
(please be seated) Barbara Jordan, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“The Strife Is O’er” Flor Peeters
(based on the Easter Hymn at #236)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A Close look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Jubilation Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Thrive”

BAPTISM

Annabelle Fredriksen

PRAISE SONG

“The River”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Come to the Altar”

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-11

MESSAGE

“Productive Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“We Are Called”
Haas/Hayes

SONG OF DEDICATION

“We Believe”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU