## HYMN NOTES:

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (7)

This hymn (sung as a solo today) was written by Jean Janzen in 1991. She has said about this text, “The English medieval mystic, St. Julian of Norwich, wrote of the mothering aspects of God. Her ideas moved me to address these characteristics in the Trinity.” Julian's theological comments are interwoven with her reflections on visions that were granted to her in 1373. They are contained in what is regarded as the earliest book in English written by a woman. The hymn writer has explored the non-patriarchal images of God, certainly appropriate for us to consider on Mother’s Day. The tune was expressly composed for these words. The tune name pays homage to the English city where Julian lived and wrote in the 14th century. As the cathedral city, center of a thriving wool trade, and governmental seat of the county of Norfolk, Norwich was for many centuries second only to London among English cities.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- **Sunday, May 14:** Pete Poston, Cheryl Lapham
- **Monday, May 15:** Rose Poston, Bill Sutton, Pat Donnelly
- **Tuesday, May 16:** Chris Peterson, Heather Wood
- **Wednesday, May 17:** Adrienne Roberts, Kenny Giese
- **Thursday, May 18:** Bill Mylin, Leslie Heycock, Mike Nigels
- **Friday, May 19:** Bryce Bullis
- **Saturday, May 20:** Char Segesman

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

- **Jackie & Jerry Koski**
  - In Memory of our moms
- **Louise Mylin**
  - In Honor of Bill’s 75th Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2017 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

## FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

### ACOLYTES:
- **(11:00)** Jade Johnson

### GREETERS:
- **(8:15)** Mary Duffey, Linda Ciokan
- **(11:00)** Margie Gott, Carol Bushnell

### USHERS:
- **(8:15)** Chip & Marian Hill
- **(11:00)** Jon Mills, Roger Snay

### VAN DRIVER: Don Stevens

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

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

**3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 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 Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

### 1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Alice & Charles Ellis.

### 3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather at 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 Justine Ruiz.

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

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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 3yr-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class— Rooms 9 & 11**

“19:18: The Four-Hat Solution”. This week, the TCI class will discuss this verse from Leviticus as it applies to today’s world situation. The class meets in Rooms 9 and 11 at 9:30. Coffee and cookies are available.

### 11:00 AM, Experiencing God Class— Rooms 9 & 11

6:30-7:30 PM, Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Will not be meeting until June 4th. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.
CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Leader: How can we know the way of God?
People: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #33 “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” LLANFAIR

WE CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Eternal Father, guardian of our lives: we confess that we are children of dust, unworthy of your gracious care. We have not loved as we ought to love, nor have we lived as you command, and our years are soon gone. Lord God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, so that as long as we live we may serve you, until, dying, we enter the joy of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” Charles V. Stanford
(The text is at hymn #641 in Glory to God) arr. Harriet Ziegenhals
Emily Cantin, Trumpet; Eric Kamerer, Trombone

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

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING
MUSICAL OFFERING “Though I May Speak” Emma Lou Diemer
(based on the hymn, #693 in Glory to God)

*A 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

*HYMN “You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord” GREENSLEEVES
You formed us in your image, Lord; You call us your own children. In you, each one is loved, adored —unique among the millions. Bless, Lord, the families who know the joy; Christ claims and frees! Bless, too, the ones who weep, forgetting that you love them. You made our homes to honor you with love and the strong foundation. In serving God and neighbor too, we find our life's vocation. Bless, Lord, the ones who know that love and serve you when you call. Bless, too, the ones who fear —whose trust and love are shattered. Christ loved and honored family, yet showed us what is greater. He taught a higher loyalty to God our good Creator. Bless, Lord, the ones who long to build up homes where faith is strong. Bless children, women, men who risk to serve your kingdom.

In home and church our faith is formed; we learn your love and justice bearing. Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:1-14 (page 877)

SERMON “The Satisfaction of Home” Chris Curvin, Pastor
SOLO “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” Barbara Washburn, Soprano
(see the text at hymn #7)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #14 DIX
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Festive Postlude on LLANFAIR” Albert L. Travis
(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #33)

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
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*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG “The River”
MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS “God Is Never Late”
Angel Choir (3rd–5th)

WORSHIP CLASS RECOGNITION

VIDEO “My Mom”
“Agnes De?”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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.

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