HYMN NOTES: “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” (817)
This hymn was written in 1844 by Englishman Henry Alford (1810-1871) and
the tune comes from the early 19th century so although it is probably new to
most of us here at Northwood, it is really an old hymn. Alford was a precocious
boy. Before he was ten he had written several Latin odes and a history of the
Jews, among other things. He compiled his first hymnbook at age 11. As an
adult, he was best known for his Greek scholarship, producing a four-volume
edition of the Greek Testament with notes. It became a standard critical com-
mentary. He served for 13 years as dean of Canterbury Cathedral until his death.
His most famous hymn is “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.” The tune,
DUNLAP’S CREEK, is named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-
age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.
Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3
Meagan & Keith Deek, Bree Greff
1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the hour.
Jessica Jones & Beth Brinkman
3rd, 4th Grades, Room 8
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the hour.
Bill Sutton & Mary Duffy
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.
Kathleen & Todd Pope

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (15/16 school year) join us after the Children’s
message, in room 3 for a time of worship or you may remain in service
with your parents.

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Middle and High School Christian Education
Middle and High Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room
on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday’s. On the 1st Sunday we will meet in
the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Serendipity Class
It’s TIME! We’re overdue! Our last study of Revelation was in 2000.
John’s letter to the seven churches in Asia Minor was a HUGE wake up
call then and still remains most profound to us in 2015. Looking for-
ward to seeing you in rooms 13-15 at 9:30 a.m. Bob Meier and Jeannette
Holloway, class leaders.

The TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)
We will begin the 2015-2016 year today in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-
week study looking at the relationship between truth and change
and dealing with the questions: “If something is true, how can it change?”
and “If something changes, how could it have been true in the first
place?” We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as
members of the church and members of society. Gary Justice will be
leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee
and cookies will be available.

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September 20, 2015

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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 20, 2015
17th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND IN PRAYER AS THE MUSIC BEGINS.
PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
  “When Morning Guilds the Sky”
  Arr. Randall Dennis

OPENING VOLUNTARY
  Craig Phillips
  “It Is Well with My Soul”
  (Based on the Tune of the Closing Hymn, #640)

(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 #366
  “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
  HYFRYDOL

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and gracious God, You love us with an everlasting love and You are faithful in keeping your promise that in Jesus Christ You will never leave us or forsake us. We ask that You forgive us when life circumstances lead us to question Your goodness and doubt Your trustworthy promises. O Lord, even as we confess our fickle faith, we are ever grateful for Your compassionate patience that You extend to us. By Your grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit, may our faith grow and be strengthened to live lives that bring glory to Your Name and to share Your love with our neighbor. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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
  “My Jesus, I Love Thee”
  Arr. Gilbert M. Martin
  My Jesus I love thee, I know thou art mine;
  For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
  My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
  If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
  I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
  And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
  I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:
  If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust him more!
In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, my Jesus, 'tis now.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

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
  Arr. James Biery
  “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
  (Based on the Tune of the Next Hymn, Dunlap’s Creek #817)

*DOXOLOGY—#606
  OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #817
  “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
  Dunlap’s Creek

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
  Psalm 13:1-2a; 34:18; 145:18
  (Pages 429, 441, 506, 977, 939)
  Hebrews 11:1; 2 Corinthians 5:7

WE HEAR THE WORD

SERMON
  “Socked In”
  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*MUSICAL OFFERING
  “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
  Dunlap’s Creek

*MUSICAL OFFERING
  “When Peace Like a River”
  Ville Du Havre

*HYMN #840

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
  “Voluntary on Dunlap’s Creek”
  Lani Smith

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer 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.

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GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...