HYMN NOTES: “Open the Doors for Christ!”

The author, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) was born in China to parents who served as Presbyterian missionaries. She died in 2008 having written more than one hundred hymn texts, mostly set to well-known existing hymn tunes. Six of her texts are in our hymnal, Glory to God. Her hymns offer superb examples of inclusive language, peacemaking, social justice, and hope in Christ’s kin-dom. She and her husband, a Presbyterian pastor, spent most of their ministry years in Indiana. This hymn was written for the Overlay Park Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Washington. The theme for their move into a new worship building was “Open the Doors.” The congregation had suffered four years of sadness: the sudden death of a parish associate, departures, disappointments, and disease, as well as a fire in 1987 that destroyed the church’s worship building. The hymn celebrated that church’s movement into a new era of worship and service.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

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.
Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3
Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil
1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Cassandra Fredrikson & Justine Ruisz

3rd, 4th Grades, Room 8
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Judy Peterson

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.
Bridgette & Roger Ulrich

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:45 AM Serendipity Class- Sunday, September 27, 2015
Join us in rooms 13-15 to continue our study of Revelation, Chapter 2. The prophet, John, has some harsh words for the church in Ephesus, Pergamum and Thyatira. Could any of these admonishments apply to us – Faithfully Serving Northwood Church Today

ACOLYTE:
(8:15) James Birch
(11:00) Aidan McDermott

GREETERS:
(8:15) Joanne & Ray Spigarelli
(11:00) Lauren & Jim Warren

USHERS:
(8:15) Patty Martin & Ellen Stoup
(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
(11:00) Dawn & Steve Winder
Douglas & Gianna Winder

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

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Lord, you are holy. Lord, you are worthy. Lord, you are solely the source of my song. I ... your glory! With all my heart I will praise you forever. I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me;

The dawn breaks with singing, the noon sounds thanksgiving; Sing it with the saints in glory, sing for all eternity.

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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

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(Text on front cover)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministries

*HYMN #69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” Here I AM

WE SHARE

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor (8:15)

Loving God, you call us to tell others of your good news. In Jesus you beckon us to follow you, to live as to what you have taught. We confess we often hold back. We question how we can know your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do and words we have to share. We look for the great task, and you give us the common work of caring for those near us and in our community. Forgive us and empower us through your Spirit that we may be bold disciples. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Arrise, My Soul, Arise!” Dale Wood

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

*HYMN “Open the Doors for Christ”

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Open the doors for Christ! God’s children all are we: in nursery, classroom, workplace, home, in age or infancy. Seek paths of faith and truth; may learning never cease, till all the world’s a neighborhood of hope and love and peace.

Open the doors for Christ! The world of need awaits; may we not close our minds or hearts to those outside the gates. We see the work to do. God, give us strength and will to carry out your perfect plan with courage and with skill.

Open the doors for Christ! O Holy Spirit, come! With speech on fire, and rushing wind, and organ pipe, and drum! Inspire us to move on where future doors swing wide, to tell the world a Savior’s love means God is at our side.


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