HYMN NOTES: For the Beauty of the Earth (#2)

This hymn is one of the most popular, singable, and durable selections in the repertory. The text came to the author, Folliot S. Pierpoint, as he sat on a hill overlooking Bath (England) and recounted the gifts of God that were displayed in a panoramic view of that elegant city and many flowers in bloom.

The text was first published in eight stanzas in 1864 under the title “The Sacrifice of Praise” and was intended for use at Holy Communion and to show it as a joyful, holy feast at what was then a rather somber occasion. The original refrain line read “Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.” Changing “sacrifice” to “this our hymn” of grateful praise has made it more generally a hymn of thanksgiving for creation, physical senses, human love, etc. The 1935 Methodist hymnal editors, in deference to those squeamish about singing “Christ our God,” changed it to “Lord of all.” Arguably, the best stanza is omitted from our The Hymn book, 1955: “For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given. For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.”

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Cookie & Norm Roffey In Honor of Our 7th Wedding Anniversary Kim Blackmore In Honor of Sydney’s 13th Birthday Barbara Schlerf In Loving Memory of Bob Schlerf

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO:

Sunday, June 9th: Nancy Cotter, Donna Elwood, Bill Lewis Jane Sumwalt
Tuesday, June 11th: Bob Meier Kim Flaherty, Sandy Gibson, Linda Whitaker, Cindy Whiteside
Thursday, June 13th: Sydney Blackmore Jenn Bushnell, Katie Dye, Ellen Stoup, Tom Vecchio
Saturday, June 15th: Preston Caccamise, Stephanie Carson, Jean Sweeney

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES: (8:15) Heather Wood (11:00) Aly Tobiassen
GREETERS: (8:15) Norman & Jeanne Smith (11:00) Pamela Peters
USHERS: (8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea; Patty Martin, Roberta Wetherill (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen; Doug & Georgianna Winder
VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Children’s Church is taking a break through August. Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (12/13 School Year) Room 3 Teachers: Todd & Tanya Adkisson, Jeanne Stephen
1st.—5th Grades Rooms 4 & 6 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 4. Teachers: Eric, Marcy, & Amy Remerer

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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Middle & High School Christian Education
9:30 am Youth Room
11:00 am Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUMMER SERENDIPITY FOR ALL—Rooms 13 &15
TODAY: Summer Serendipity offers to anyone a weekly video or DVD from our library to view while waiting between 1st & 3rd services for any reason. Coffee provided. Today’s showing is Philip Yancey’s “If You’re So Good, Why Are Things So Awful?” The following Sunday we’ll hear from Tony Campolo about how we know what God wants us to do. Watch for what is offered this summer.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)
TCI Class is on summer break. We’ll resume our always engaging and lively discussions, fueled by coffee and cookies, on Sunday, September 1. We look forward to welcoming you then!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15
We are on Summer Break. We’ll resume in the fall!

DEADLINES FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS

THE MONITOR—Usually the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
This publication is emailed to those providing email addresses.
SUNDAY BULLETIN—Info due 6/14 for 6/23 bulletin
( Please limit articles/announcements to no more than 4 lines)
THE WINDOW-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
Deadline: Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Mailng: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Please send articles to Katie Pacuna at Katie@northwoodpc.org.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

June 9, 2013

Come, Grow, Go

 Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God  
June 9, 2013  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services  

WE GATHER  
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.  
Please turn off cell phones.)

PRAAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Joy and Celebration”  
Lee J. Afdahl  
Celebration Ringers, chimes; Jubilation Ringers, bells  

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

*HYMN # 21  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
HYMN TO JOY

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAISCE SONG
“God is Good”

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN #2  
“For the Beauty of the Earth”  
DIX

WE SHARE

MUSICAL OFFERING  “Ovation of Praise”  
Arnold B. Sherman  
Jubilation Ringers  

*DOXOLOGY—#544  
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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call Thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wond’ring loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction shed within it’s walls always

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while amending ages run.

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

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