HYMN NOTES: If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (816)

Both the German text and the music of this hymn were composed by Georg Neumark (1621-1681). You will remember, perhaps from reading these weekly notes, that the author and the composer of a hymn are more often different persons. At the age of 20, Neumark had set out to attend the University of Königsberg and on his way was robbed of all his possessions, except his prayer book and a few coins. Long without work and nearly destitute, he was unexpectedly employed by a wealthy judge. “On that very day I composed this hymn to the honor of my beloved Lord…I certainly had cause enough to thank the divine compassion for such unlooked for grace,” Neumark wrote. After completing his schooling, he eventually became court poet, librarian and registrar to Duke Wilhelm II. The famed translator, Catherine Winkworth published the English version of his hymn in 1853 with the first two lines reading, “Leave God to order all thy ways, and hope in Him whate’er betide thee.” She later changed it to read, “If thou but suffer God to guide thee…” (suffer meaning “allow, or “let” God to walter, i.e., govern one’s life.) The line is further changed in Glory to God: “If thou but trust…”

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

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Our 51st Wedding Anniversary
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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…..

Sunday, August 16th: Beverly Field, Alice Russell, Susan Taylor, Joe Tomelis
Monday, August 17th: Dan Gipson, Richard Naider
Tuesday, August 18th: Irene Dewitt, Tommy Donnelly, Barbara Henry, Jim McGordy, Kathleen O’Leary, Omar Valdes
Wednesday, August 19th: Brad Hanway, Laddie Irion, Isabella Latorre, Nicholas Smith, Jeff Voss
Thursday, August 20th: Catherine Brinkman, Dominic Fuoco, Margaret Gott, Yolanda Hauer
Friday, August 21st: Keegan Lapham
Saturday, August 22nd: Margaret Gott, Yolanda Hauer

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

SUMMER EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM.
Teachers: Aimee McDermott & Hayley Parker

1st - 5th Grades, Rooms 8 & 10
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 rooms 8 & 10.
Teachers: Kathleen & Todd Pope

10:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education
There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Discovery Day!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHEW ON THAT! Bi-Weekly Adult Christian Education
August 23: Communion
Paul gives us a basic framework with which we celebrate the Lord’s Supper (1Cor 11:23b-26) – and also provides some useful advice for our preparation and celebration (1Cor 11:27-34). How do we make this sacrament ours – individually and corporately? We will meet in rooms 9-11 at 9:45 am for fellowship and at 10:05 for our topical “chew”. We hope that both traditional and contemporary worshippers will try us out! Remember to bring your favorite nibble to share. Our abundance will enhance the hallway fellowship between and after services.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE: Aidan McDermott
GREETERS: Margaret Mawhinney & Nancy Ericson
USHERS: Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson, Art & Jeanette Holloway
VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence
Order for the Public Worship of God  
August 16, 2015  
12th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

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

CALL TO WORSHIP  
OPENING VOLUNTARY “Wayfarin’ Stranger” arr. Joel Raney  
Gemma Briggs, Piano  
(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 #63 “The Lord Is God” AWMN

WE CONFESS  

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Loving and gracious God, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace which you have freely given in Jesus Christ. We desire to serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But we take heart that your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you, dear Lord! Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
*HYMN #851 GLORIA PATRI  
“As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire and I long to worship thee.  
You’re my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

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

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  

MUSICAL OFFERING  
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”  
Daryl Hollinger

*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.

*HYMN #697 “Take My Life”  
Henderson

WE GO OUT TO SERVE  

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata” Rachel Laurin  
(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.)

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Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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COUNTDOWN  
PRAISE SONG  “We Won’t Be Shaken”

MEET & GREET  “Impossible”

ANNOUNCEMENTS  

SHAREING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER  
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING  OFFERTORY  “As the Deer”  
Sarah Flaherty and Lindsey Peterson

SCRIPTURE  
Psalm 42

VIDEO  “Lord I Need You”

MESSAGE  
“Moved to Pursue”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION  “Thrive”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU  

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