HYMN NOTES:
“I Danced in the Morning” (Lord of the Dance) #157
The tune is Englishman Sydney Carter’s (1915-2004) variant of “Simple Gifts” from the USA Shaker repertory. The tune was uniquely used by that Utopian group in their formation-dances. Dancing in early Shaker tradition was a spontaneous response to the spirit which gradually evolved into formal group dance patterns known as “holly order” or “square order shuffle.” It consisted of Brothers and Sisters in lines on opposite sides of the meeting room, stepping forward and back three steps...more of a moving meditation than a dance. Dancing occurred after the opening hymn and an exhortation by an elder or eldress (Shakers believed in a female-male Godhead, and a female second advented Christ), then dancing, or “laboring” as it was called, began. The best singers would stand in the center leading the singing of the one-verse songs which were repeated as long as the “gift” lasted.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, February 8th: Linda Ciokan, Aidan McDermott, Todd Popc, Renee Voss, Ryan Weitz
Monday, February 9th: Alex Booth, Kathy Gunderman, Jeni Heycock, Katie Pacana, Barbara Roller
Tuesday, February 10th: Brandon Capito, Dane Johansen
Thursday, February 12th: Brooke Allison, Bitzi Evans, Emily McMullen
Friday, February 13th: Marie Phillips, Marti Raiche
Saturday, February 14th: Peter Gajentan
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES: (8:15) Nyden Rodewald (11:00) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS & USHERS: (8:15) Bobby Itschner, Eric Itschner, Cade Bright Ryan Martin, Jacob Reiter (9:30) Justin Quinn, JoJo Nulty, Lucas Rule, Tyler Johnston (11:00) Al Mull, Jaxon Newell, Nick Ward

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim Blackmore & Amy Kemerer

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year) Room 3
1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
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 16.
Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith

3rd-5th Grades Room 5
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 5.
Teachers: Roger & Bridgette Ulrich

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

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 Jackie Koski (jackielanderry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.
9:30 AM Youth Room 11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: We will examine the advice given by a columnist to a grand- mother who has had guilt concerns. Bill Bitner will lead the discussion. The issue is that the grandmother told a lie when she was a young girl and as a result of the lie her teacher lost her job. What should she do to ease her guilt? Coffee and cookies will add to the discussion.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.
Order for the Public Worship of God
February 8, 2015
5th Sunday after Epiphany
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services
WE GATHER
Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.

PRAayer of preparation (8:15) Heather Wood (11:00) Amy Kemerer

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Touched in the Morning”

Welcome & Announcements
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*procession of the u.s. flag & christian flag

(8:15) Eric Itschner, Bobby Itschner (11:00) Jesse Emery, Haile Brouk

*The pledge of allegiance to the american flag

(8:15) David Hamilton (11:00) Nick Ward
(Uniform) I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*The pledge of allegiance to the christian flag

(Uniform) I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands: one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

*Hymn #157 “I Danced in the Morning” Lord of the dance

We Confess

Call to confession
(8:15) David Hamilton (11:00) Mitchell Johnston
Leader: Let us together confess our need for God's forgiveness:

Praayer of confession (together)

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and prepare and accompany us in this day's journey. You made light to shine in the darkness and we ask You to shine now in our hearts. We confess that we have sinned and have not walked in your light. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to the path of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of God's message to us and the world. All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new! Amen.

*Congregational response #851 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

“If You Search With All Your Heart” Craig Courtney

Faith sharing with the children

Children age 3 (by 9/13)

8:15 Ryan Martin, Jacob Reiter (11:00) Haile Brouk, Mitchell Johnston

Children's song (11:00) “God Is So Good”

Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th Grade)

We Unite in prayer

PraYers of the people & the Lord's prayer

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

“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

“When I Return” Marta Keen

Westminster Youth Choir

In the quiet misty morning when the moon has gone to bed,
When the sparrows stop their singing, and the sky is clear and red.
When the summer’s ceased its gleaming, when the corn is past its prime,
When the journey’s lost its meaning, I’ll be homeward bound in time.

Christ, my one Lord and Master, guide each step of my way.
There shall be no greener pasture when I return to You one day.
As You find it’s me You’re missing, as You wait for my return,
When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

When the summer’s ceased its gleaming, when the corn is past its prime,
When the journey’s lost its meaning, I’ll be homeward bound in time.

“Now Thank We All Our God” Kurt Kemerer

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

Kurt Kemerer

We hear the word

Scripture reading

(Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV))

Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)

Terra Beata

“Be Prepared”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

We go out to serve

*Hymn #643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Nun Danket

*PraYer of dedication

Kurt Kemerer

We Conclude

*PraYers of dedication

Kurt Kemerer

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Congregational response #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.

Let the countdown begin

Procession of the U.S. flag & Christian Flag

Steven Wright, Bryce Fullord

*Pledge to the American flag

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*Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands: one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

PraisE song

“We Won’t Be Shaken”

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

“If You Search With All Your Heart” Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart.

God’s Blessing to you