

Hymn Notes:

By including their works in our services today, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of four composers and/or hymnwriters—all born in the year 1919. **Vaclav Nelhybel** arranged the piece for organ and brass. He was a Czech composer who spent much of his career teaching and composing at colleges in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. **Paul Manz** was an exemplar Lutheran church organist and choir director known for his “Hymn Festivals” that included many improvised organ works of which many, such as the piece at the offering today, have been published. **Jaroslav Vajda** was a Lutheran pastor who wrote his first hymn at age 49. He was of Slovak descent and born in Ohio. His many hymns are included in dozens of hymnals. The most famous hymn is probably “Now the Silence,” #534 in *Glory to God*. A number of his hymns are written without punctuation including our middle hymn today, “God of the Sparrow” #22. **Austin Lovelace** was one of the most important and influential figures in American church music in the 20th century. An organist and choral composer, he served churches, taught in seminaries and colleges, edited hymnals, wrote textbooks and published more than 700 compositions including today’s Closing Voluntary.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



- Sunday, May 26:** Jay Basinger, Steven Murray
- Tuesday, May 28:** Betty Evans, Winnie Robbins, Chris Lumia, Melinda Pena, Brandon Strelcheck, Justin Wulf
- Wednesday, May 29:** Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope
- Thursday, May 30:** Jody Beattie, Kayla Johnson, Garland Pelham
- Friday, May 31:** Anne Lanning
- Saturday, June 1:** Lindsey Peterson, Alberto Doce Jr.

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

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Ellen Stoup
- (11:00) Kim Blackmore & Cindy Whiteside

USHERS:

- (8:15) Suzanne Hamilton & Patty Martin
Tim Beaver & Don Stevens
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen
Polly Brown & Claudia Alwood

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan & Karen Gipson.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,

Join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on "The Case for Christ," we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

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May 26, 2019



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,

All: whose steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: There is no greater love than this:

All: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Leader: God calls us to proclaim the good news.

All: Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Vaclav Nelhybel
Brass and Organ (1919-1996)

(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 #8** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** GREATOREX

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 "God of Our Fathers" arr. Hal H. Hopson

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath lead us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay;
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine. Amen.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" arr. Paul Manz
(based on the hymn at #816) (1919-2009)

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #22** "God of the Sparrow" ROEDER

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17: 22-34 NRSV *(page 902)*

SERMON "Unexpected Good News"
Dr. Jack Alwood

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" ASSURANCE

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*
"Go My Children, with My Blessing" Jaroslav J. Vajda
Barbara Jordon, Soloist (1919-2008)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Variations on America" Austin Lovelace
(1919-2010)

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
Emily Cantin, Trumpet
Steve Cantin, Trumpet
Eric Kemerer, Trombone
Laura O'Leary, French Horn

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Impossible"

"Fires"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

"Selfies or Sacrifice"

PRAISE SONG

"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Grace Wins"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17: 22-34

MESSAGE

"Unexpected Good News"

Dr. Jack Alwood

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Same Power"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!