

Music Notes:

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (354) by Julia Ward Howe, 1861

The author, Julia Ward Howe, was born in 1819 which means this year we celebrate the bicentennial of her birth. We have in our hymnal three of the five stanzas Howe scribbled down before dawn on November 19, 1861 in a Washington, DC hotel. She and her husband with some friends had come to see the Union troops on review near Falls Church, VA. On the slow road back to the hotel they sang army-related songs to pass the time since the marching troops and equipment shared the highway. Among these was "John Brown's Body" and she was challenged to come up with better words for that tune. There are many Biblical images included in her hymn but in addition to the Biblical images, the author was also dependent on the lyrics of "John Brown's Body" for some of her inspiration. That song ends each stanza with "but his soul goes marching on." This hymn has naturally been associated with funerals for national leaders beginning with Abraham Lincoln in 1865 and continuing through Ronald Reagan in 2004.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



- Sunday, July 7:** Prescott Seckel
- Monday, July 8:** Linda Andreassen, Cheryl Eschweiler, Olivia Catlin
- Tuesday, July 9:** Carol Bushnell, Ally Wolf
- Wednesday, July 10:** Bridgette Ulrich, Amy Schultz, James Towell
- Thursday, July 11:** Bob Maclennen, Dawn Winder, Kristen Murray, Erin McLarty
- Friday, July 12:** Debbie Lang, Marcy Kemerer, Diana Hatch
- Saturday, July 13:** David Smith, Ann Briggs, Jackson Krueger, Julie Bryant

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

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



Barbara Schlerf

In Loving Memory of My Mother, Mary Simpson

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2019 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Jessie Loy
- (11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozinski

USHERS:

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
- Gene Baker & Rocky Davis
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
- (11:00) Jon & Vickie Mills



VAN DRIVER: Curtis Krueger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
Children's worship will be taking a break for the summer. Nursery is for children ages birth-5 years old, during the worship service. Children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jane Winne & Carissa Johnston.
1st-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

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
The Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

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!

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

July 7, 2019



"For This Land in All Its Wonder"

For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm, and town,
for each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,
for the freedoms we enjoy here,
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!

For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;
for the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;
God, we thank you and we pray now:
may we all be unified! May we all be unified!

For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,
for your vision born inside us of a just society,
God, we thank you and we pray now:
may this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!

May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,
may our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.
May we follow where you lead us;
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and our prayer!

Biblical References: Psalm 147; Micah 6:8; Colossians 1:19-20
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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 7, 2019
4th Sunday of Pentecost
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)*

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, praise the Lord with music!

People: Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.

Leader: From the Lord's dwelling place, the Lord looks down and sees all humanity;

People: no nation is saved by the size of an army; despite all its great strength.

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear God; who hope in God's unfailing love.

People: In God our hearts rejoice, we trust in the name of our Lord.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Fantasia on 'Eternal Father, Strong to Save'"

Franklin D. Ashdown

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN**

"For This Land in All Its Wonder"

CWM RHONDDA

(see front cover)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of celebrations and sorrows, we have waved the flag on this holiday weekend and our hearts beat with pride at the stirring sounds of the bands and fireworks. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. Our spirits ache for people both far and near who suffer and struggle just to have the basic necessities of life, while we live in abundance. Forgive us when our celebration clouds the needs of others. Help us be mindful of the many ways in which we can reach out to others. In Jesus' name. 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.

***APOSTLES' CREED** *(Together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SOLO

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

arr. Jay Althouse

Barbara Jordan, Soloist

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE 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.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"I Come with Joy"

Walter L. Pelz

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *(from #337, stanza 4)*

AMERICA

Our Fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light,

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(Together)*

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into our nation and world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 33:12-22 NRSV *(page 440)*

John 8:31-36 NRSV *(page 871)*

SERMON

#5 "Prayer—Our Declaration of Faith"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

***HYMN #708**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Together)*

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING

"Plainte"

from *Suite Brève*

Jean Langlais

(1907-1991)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #8**

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING

(please be seated)

"God Bless America"

Barbara Jordan, Soloist

Irving Berlin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA"

(based on the tune of the opening hymn)

Walter Pelz

(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

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

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAISE SONG

"Behold the Lamb"

MEET AND GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

"For Our Freedom"

by Larry Stephen

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 33 *(selected verses)*

John 8:31-36

MESSAGE

#5 "Prayer—Our Declaration of Faith"

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COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Untitled"

Heather Sorenson

VIDEO

"An Independence Day Prayer"

SONG OF DEDICATION

"America the Beautiful"