

HYMN NOTES:

“Lift High the Cross” (826)

This hymn in eleven stanzas with the refrain was written for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel festival in Winchester Cathedral, June 1887. More than half a century after its publication, the hymn was introduced in the USA in *Hymns for the Living Church*, 1974, which led to its inclusion in all recent hymnals. The original first stanza has been re-worked by numerous hymnal committees to reduce sexist and militaristic images. The original stanza 1 read:

*Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.*

Other text changes in our hymnal’s version provides the opportunity to express the spirit of “Onward Christian soldiers” (not included in *Glory to God*) without singing militaristic metaphors.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, July 17:** Patrick Courtney, Diane Bolton
- Monday, July 18:** Rob Robicheau, Amy Robinson, Sean Schuler, Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson
- Wednesday, July 20:** Sumi Ham, Linda O’Leary, Dan Jeffre
- Thursday, July 21:** Jill Friedman, Kyle Barry
- Friday, July 22:** Ted Whitten, Jeanette Foulks, JoAnne Spigarelli, Kayla McDermott
- Saturday, July 23:** Heather Villafranca, Mike O’Leary, Jill Towell, Maria Papolos

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



Nancy & Wally Ericson
In Honor of our 61st Anniversary



Jim & Bobi Hunt
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Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 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) Barbara Moler & Lorrie Janusik
- (11:00) Ed Puschnann & Jon Drawdy

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Margaret Lewis
Dennis & Betty O’Shea
- (9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Nicole Twors & Bryan Bullis
Sue Miskiewicz & Steve Winder



VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

MUSIC DIRECTORS: Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children’s Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Kim & Sydney Blackmore.

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Steve Cantin & Justine Ruisz.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

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 8 with Cassandra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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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.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please meet in the Ignite service (9:30 am) to enjoy worship together. During the summer, there will be no Sunday School for the Middle and High School Youth. Sunday School will resume during the school year.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday morning adult education classes will resume in September. Please look for other adult Christian education opportunities on our announcement insert.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

July 17, 2016

“Martha Labored in the Kitchen”

Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done! There was cooking, cleaning, baking— too much work for anyone. For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest. So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.

Mary sat and humbly listened to their guest— her Friend and Lord. She just thought of Jesus’ teaching— not the need for bread and board. So when Martha came complaining, seeking Mary’s help that day. Jesus turned to her explaining, “Mary chose the better way.”

God, we see in her distraction— Martha lost sight of her goal; In her grumbling and complaining, She forgot food for the soul. For there’s always something pressing— something urgent we must do, Yet for us there’s also blessing in the time we spend with you.

Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well?
Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell?
May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today!
All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus’ way.

Biblical Reference: Luke 10:38-42
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Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 17, 2016
9th 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 silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: In Christ, all things in heaven and earth were made.

People: In Christ, we see the fullness of the God of Glory.

Leader: Through Christ, we are reconciled to God.

People: Through Christ, we receive the promised hope of the Good News.

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Be Thou My Vision” Heather Sorensen
(based on the hymn at #450)

(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 #826** “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we confess that it is so easy for us to get our priorities completely out of balance. Forgive us for the many ways that we dismiss and disregard your Word and push you to the margins of our busy lives. Forgive us when we confuse the busyness of doing good things, religious or otherwise, with what it means to love and walk humbly with you, our God. Redeem us by your grace and give us hearts and minds that are focused on you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** 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.

SOLO “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Joseph M. Martin
Michele White, Soprano

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin not in part, but the whole*

*is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.*

--Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz,

Director of Children’s Ministries

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WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Trio on NETTLETON” Mark Thewes
(based on the tune used for the next hymn)

***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** “Martha Labored in the Kitchen” NETTLETON
(see text on front cover)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 *(page 845)*

SERMON “The One Thing Needed” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #697** “Take My Life” HENDON
(stanzas 1,2,3,6)

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lift High the Cross” John Leavitt
(based on the opening hymn, #826)

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

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

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

PRAISE SONGS

“Trading My Sorrows”

“God Is On The Move”

MEET & GREET

“One Thing Remains”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“The River”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“God is Love”

Larry Stephen

VIDEO

“You Are Too Busy”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

MESSAGE

“The One Thing Needed”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Fires”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU