

HYMN NOTES: "Open the Doors for Christ!"

The author, Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) was born in China to parents who served as Presbyterian missionaries. She died in 2008 having written more than one hundred hymn texts, mostly set to well-known existing hymn tunes. Six of her texts are in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. Her hymns offer superb examples of inclusive language, peacemaking, social justice, and hope in Christ's kin-dom. She and her husband, a Presbyterian pastor, spent most of their ministry years in Indiana. This hymn was written for the Overlake Park Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Washington. The theme for their move into a new worship building was "Open the Doors." The congregation had suffered four years of sadness: the sudden death of a parish associate, departures, disappointments, and disease, as well a fire in 1987 that destroyed the church's worship building. The hymn celebrated that church's movement into a new era of worship and service.

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



Jean Swintek

In memory of her dear husband, John



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2015 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....



- Sunday, September 27th:** Pete Judd, Suzanne Alexander, Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker
- Monday, September 28th:** Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
- Tuesday, September 29th:** Gerry Krause, Bob Swango, Todd Cash
- Wednesday, September 30th:** Cicile Sawiris, Helen Whitaker, William Irizarry, Connor Vecchio
- Thursday, October 1st:** Diane Musto
- Friday, October 2nd:** Steve Kitenplon, Bruce Shugart, Missy Wolf

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

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) James Birch
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Joanne & Ray Spigarelli
- (11:00) Lauren & Jim Warren



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Patty Martin & Ellen Stoup
Dennis & Betty O'Shea
- (9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
- (11:00) Dawn & Steve Winder
Doug & Georgianna Winder

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.
Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), **Room 3**
Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Cassondra Fredrikson & Justine Ruisz

3rd - 4th Grades, Room 8

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Judy Peterson

5th Grade, Room 12

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 12**.
Bridgette & Roger Ulrich

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:45 AM Serendipity Class- Sunday, September 27, 2015

Join us in rooms 13-15 to continue our study of Revelation, Chapter 2. The prophet, John, has some harsh words for the church in Ephesus, Pergamum and Thyatira. Could any of these admonishments apply to us as Christians today? Bob Meier & Jeanette Holloway

9:30 AM The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

This week, the TCI class will meet in Rooms 9 and 11 and conclude the two-week discussion on "Truth and Change". This week's discussion will center on the question, "Do we change our interpretations of the truths of the Bible in order to help us rationalize our actions?" The class will be looking at the Ten Commandments as well as the teachings of Paul in his letters to the churches in Rome and Galatia as a basis for the discussion. Cookies and coffee will be available.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 for a study on the book of Revelation led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 27, 2015

"I Will Praise You with Song"

Joseph M. Martin

Lord, I will praise you with song. How can I keep from singing?
I give you my worship, I lift up my life.
Your word shall be my delight.
Lord, I will serve you with music; You are my reason for singing.
The dawn breaks with singing, the noon sounds thanksgiving;
You are my song in the night.

Lord, you are holy. Lord, you are worthy.
Lord, you are solely the source of my song.
I will sing your story! I will sing your glory!
With all my heart I will praise you forever.

I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me;
How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me.
Sing it with the saints in glory, sing for all eternity.

Lord, I will praise you with song. How can I keep from singing?
Singing, singing.

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 27, 2015
18th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Praise the Lord” (Psalm 118:24)
Hal H. Hopson

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Arise, My Soul, Arise!”
Dale Wood
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Invite a Friend to Dinner

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN** “Open the Doors for Christ” DIADEMATA

Open the doors for Christ! Let light shine everywhere,
to welcome here old friends and new for worship, song, and prayer.
Our hearts fling open too, our minds and wills as well,
that all who see us know our God, and hear good news to tell.

Open the doors for Christ! God’s children all are we:
in nursery, classroom, workplace, home, in age or infancy.
Seek paths of faith and truth; may learning never cease,
till all the world’s a neighborhood of love and hope and peace.

Open the doors for Christ! The world of need awaits;
may we not close our minds or hearts to those outside the gates.
We see the work to do. God, give us strength and will
to carry out your perfect plan with courage and with skill.

Open the doors for Christ! O Holy Spirit, come!
With speech on fire, and rushing wind, and organ pipe, and drum!
Inspire us to move on where future doors swing wide,
to tell the world a Savior’s love means God is at our side.

--text by Jane Parker Huber © 1996
from *Singing in Celebration*, Westminster John Knox Press

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor (8:15)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us to tell others of your good news. In Jesus you beckon us to follow you, to live as to what you have taught. We confess we often hold back. We question how we can know your voice, we make excuses of things we have to do and words we have to share. We look for the great task, and you give us the common work of caring for those near us and in our community. Forgive us and empower us through your Spirit that we may be bold disciples. 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.”

ANTHEM “I Will Praise You with Song” Joseph M. Martin
(Text on front cover)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of
Children’s Ministries

(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

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 arr. Douglas E. Wagner
“Lord of the Dance”
(based on the tune at Hymn #157)

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #288** “Spirit of the Living God” LIVING GOD
(sing twice)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 4:16-19
(pages 835, 883) John 20:21

SERMON “Big Bang– Sending!” Chris Curvin, Pastor
“*As the Father has sent me, so I send you...*”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” HERE I AM

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on an Original Antiphon” Christopher Uehlein, OSB
(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.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**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

“Open Up the Heavens”
“Thrive”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF TEACHERS

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

WAY DINNERS (INVITE A FRIEND)

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Follow You”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:16-19
John 20:21

MESSAGE

“The Big Bang–Sending”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Impossible”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!