

HYMN NOTES:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (213)

First titled “The Cross of Christ” it appeared in the author’s *Hymns of John Bowring*, 1825. It is based on the words of Paul in Galatians 6:14, “Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Bowring, a Unitarian, claimed to know 200 languages and to speak 100. At one time he was Governor of Hong Kong. The first line of the poem is inscribed on the author’s tombstone. The tune was composed by the organist, Ithamar Conkey of Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Connecticut to replace the “forgettable tune” that was used one rainy Sunday at his church. Because of the rainy weather, only one choir member showed up for the service that day. In his disappointment he went home and composed a new tune for the text dedicating it to that one faithful choir member, Mrs. Rathbun—the tune we sing today.

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



Bill & Patty Martin
In Memory of
Nevin Martin, Sr. & Joseph McGrath



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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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Monday, March 16th:** Marlene Nelson
- Tuesday, March 17th:** Ethel Holden, Robin Maclennan, Nyden Rodewald, Stephanie Strelcheck
- Wednesday, March 18th:** Lyn Booth, E.C. Ecker, Margaret Lewis
- Thursday, March 19th:** Cody Long
- Friday, March 20th:** Jessica Curtin, Doris Strathearn, Delaney Williamson
- Saturday, March 21st:** Elaine Cornillaud



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) James Birch
- (11:00) Graham Thompson

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Mary & Carl Corrello
- (11:00) Pat & Dean Rabenstine

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner, Bob MacFall, Don Morrison
- (9:30) Linda Howard & Carol Zieres
- (11:00) Dane & Vicki Phillips, Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence



EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.

Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Melissa Long & Amy Kemerer

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: Lindsay Winder-French & Aimee McDermott

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.

Teacher: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

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 (jackieandjerry@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: Come join us as we continue our study of Daniel, Chapter 10. Class leaders are Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Join us as we have guest speaker, Anne Hallum, from AIR-Guatemala tell us about all the good things taking place. Coffee and cookies are an added attraction.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

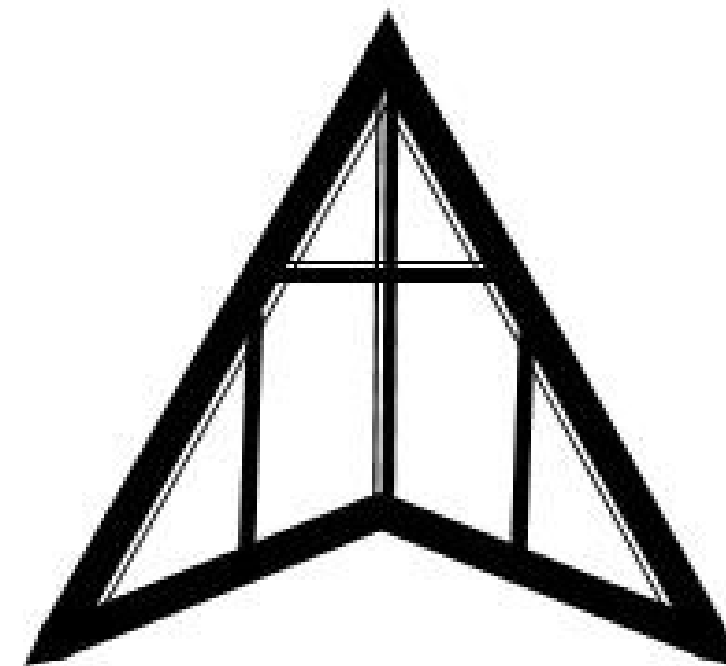
EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

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March 15, 2015



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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 15, 2015
4th Sunday in Lent
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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (8:15) Linda Feller, (11:00) Ed Puschmann

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Michael Burkhardt
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”
(based on the hymn at #830 in *Glory to God*)

(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 #366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, merciful Father: we do not deserve to be called your children, for we have left you, wasted our gifts, and have turned away from your truth. Help us to know that when we repent and turn to you, you are forgiving, and are coming with joy to welcome us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 arr. Raymond H. Haan
“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

*I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me, in my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I am dying, Lord, walk with me, when I am dying, Lord, walk with me.
When I am on my bed of sorrow, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN *(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)*

11:00—SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
Haley Jane Davis

11:00—BAPTISMAL HYMN #491 BAPTIZED IN CHRIST
“**You Have Put On Christ**”
(Please Remain Seated.)

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 “Promised Land” Natalie Sleeth
Westminster Youth Choir

*Brother, sister, lend an ear, I’m headin’ for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I’m headin’ for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness awaitin’ for me,
Come along and you will see! I’m headin’ for the promised land.*

*I’ll be singin’ freedom’s song. I’m headin’ for the promised land!
That’s the place where I belong, I’m headin’ for the promised land!
I’ll get there one day I know; now I’ve started I’m a-rarin’ to go
Where the milk and honey flow. I’m headin’ for the promised land!*

*O, listen, don’t you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call?
O children, won’t you rise and follow, one and all?*

*Better days are now in view, I’m headin’ for the promised land!
All my dreams are comin’ true, I’m headin’ for the promised land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind,
Peace and joy I’ll surely find, I’m headin’ for the promised land!*

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***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**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 122) Numbers 21:4-9 (NRSV)

***HYMN #215** “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE
(Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 864) John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

SERMON “**John 3:16**” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #213** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” RATHBUN

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (8:15) arr. Vicki Hancock Wright
“Jesus Loves Even Me”
Cherub (Pre-K/K) and Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) Choirs

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jerry Westenkuehler
“Hymn Improvisation on HYFRYDOL”
(based on the tune of today’s opening hymn)

(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.*

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COUNTDOWN

“Promised Land”

Natalie Sleeth

Westminster Youth Choir (6th-12th Grade)

PRAISE SONGS

“Today Is the Day”

“All the People Said Amen”

MEET & GREET

“Glorious Day”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Jesus Loves Even Me”

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Cherub (Pre-K/K) and Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) Choirs

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Redeemer, Savior, Friend”

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“John 3:16”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“I Lift My Hands”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!