

HYMN NOTES:

“It Is Well with My Soul” (840)

Deeply spiritual Chicago Presbyterian laymen, Horatio G. Spafford, wrote this hymn text in 1873. A lawyer and successful business man, he had some months before the Chicago Fire of 1871 invested heavily in real estate on the shore of Lake Michigan. His holdings were wiped out in the fire. Just before this he had experienced the death of his son. Desiring a rest for his wife and four daughters, they planned a European trip for the family in 1873. At the last minute a business matter developed and Spafford sent the family on ahead as scheduled on the *S.S. Ville du Havre* and planned to join them in a few days. On November 22 the ship was struck by the *Lochearn*, an English vessel, and sank in twelve minutes. Several days later the survivors landed at Cardiff, Wales and Mrs. Spafford cabled her husband, “Saved alone.” Spafford left by ship to join his bereaved wife. It is thought that on the sea near the area where it was thought his four daughters had drowned, he penned this text, “When sorrows like sea billows roll....” Phillip Bliss was so impressed with Spafford’s experience and the faith he exhibited in saying “...it is well with my soul...” that he shortly wrote the music and published it in 1876.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Monday, March 30:** Donna Bushman, John Hildebrand, Samantha Speer
- Tuesday, March 31:** Lynn Propst
- Wednesday, April 1:** Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer
- Thursday, April 2:** Jackie Kovilaritch
- Friday, April 3:** William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway, Bernetta Williams, Colin Means
- Saturday, April 4:** Jim Speer, Sue Walker, Jack Mattson



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

Jean Swintek
In Memory of Dear Husband John
Four Daughters and Their Families
In Honor of Parents 40th Anniversary—
Doug & Georgianna Winder

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at and she will send you the meeting details each week. vickilee33@aol.com

PRAYER

Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.

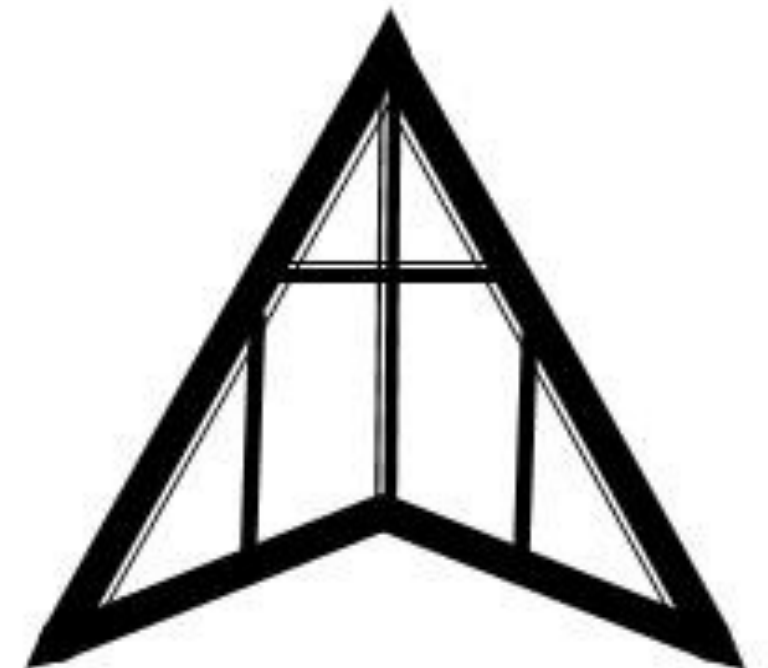
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Amen.

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**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 29, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God
March 29, 2020
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
People: Those who believe in Christ will never die.
Leader: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.
People: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.
Leader: Keep pressing on toward the goal:
People: the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"This Is My Father's World" arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST DENIO

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**You who make all things new, look with mercy as we confess our sin.
The seeds of destruction find fertile soil in us; we nurture them to
fruit. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the
evil harvest we have sown. Save us from our love of sinning, O God.
Teach us to sow your Holy Spirit, and reap eternal life. In Jesus name,
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO

"God So Loved the World"
James G. Howes, Soloist

John Stainer

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #819

"Be Still My Soul"

FINLANDIA

(stanzas 1,2)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while they dwelt below.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 3:1-19 (NIV)

SERMON SERIES

Faith in Unprecedented Times

Sermon #1 "Trust and Joy in the Midst of Trouble"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #840

"When Peace like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE

(stanzas 1,2)

**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.
Refrain: It is well, with my soul; It is well; it is well with my soul.**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain**

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

James G. Howes, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune Duet"

Jeremiah Clarke

(1673-1707)

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

PRAISE SONGS

"Jesus"

"Holy Water"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin

VIDEO

"In Uncertain Times"

PRAISE SONG

"Eye of the Storm"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"You Say"

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 3:1-19 (NIV)

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: Faith in Unprecedented Times

#1 "Trust and Joy in the Midst of Trouble"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

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

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!