HYMN NOTES:
“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (792)
What is a “balm in Gilead?” In Genesis, Joseph’s brothers beat him up and threw him into a pit. Then they sold him to a caravan passing through. The merchants were traveling from Gilead to Egypt with spices, balms, and myrrh. Gilead, the area just east of the Jordan near Galilee, was famous for its medicinal balms. Later on in the Old Testament, we read of Jeremiah crying out for the healing of his people. “Is there no balm in Gilead?” he asks and the expected answer is “no.” But the spiritual turns the negative into affirmation, and hopelessness into hope. It is probable that this African American spiritual grew out of slaves’ experience of hymns by Charles Wesley and John Newton, for both used the phrase “sin-sick soul.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, February 7: Terry Steele, Pam Means,
Kim Blackmore, Jessica Catlin,
Joshua Walker
Monday, February 8: Linda Ciclan, Bev Ventrella, Renee Voss,
Todd Poop, Ryan Wootz, Aidan Mc Dermott
Tuesday, February 9: Jeri Haycock, Kathy Gundersen, Alex Booth
Wednesday, February 10: Dane Johansen, Brandon Capito
Thursday, February 11: Dennis Lambert
Friday, February 12: Emily McMullen, Brooke Allison, Bitzi Evans
Saturday, February 13: Marie Phillips, Mari Raiche
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
Dr. Raymond & Beth Linville
In Loving Memory of Our Parents
Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2021 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your $30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

“He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.”
Mark 1:31

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

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 via email at vickile33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Fresh Brewed
Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is March 5th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9668.

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February 7, 2021
5th Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service
WE COME TO WORSHIP
OPENING VOLUNTARY “On Eagle’s Wings” Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP
Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul.
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.
—William J. Gaither

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Mit Freuden Zart (stanzas 1,2,3)
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
Fill our hearts and our lips with your praises, and turn our lives to God all praise and glory!
—William J. Gaither

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION
Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and everything you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place all around us. We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We sing songs of lament instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving. We lose ourselves in the darkness and forget that there is still hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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SOLO “There Is a Balm in Gilead” Barbara Jordan, Soloist

HYMN #796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” Land of Rest
We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Converse
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Emma Lou Diemer

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing
What God’s all mighty power has made God’s gracious mercy keepeth;
As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
What a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? take it to the Lord in prayer!

HYMN #796 - CONVERSE

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