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WE COME TO WORSHIP
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”  Michael Burkhardt

EASTER GREETING (Responsive)
Leader:  The Lord is risen!
People:  He is risen indeed!
Leader:  Christ is risen!
People:  HE IS RISEN INDEED!

HYMN #246  “Christ Is Alive!”  TRURO
(stanzas 1,4,5)
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We
confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread
of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was
dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised
kingdom comes. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

(refrain, stanza 1, refrain)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun.  Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”  arr. Joel Raney
Organ and Piano duet

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

(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

*HYMN #248

“Heart Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”  HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

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Registration is currently open for the 2021-2022 school year! We have openings in our 2’s, 3’s, and VPK. Please share the news! You may stop in the preschool office and pick up your registration forms. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact the school director, Laura Garcia at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-7679.

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts
Sermon #7 “The Resurrection of Jesus”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Handbells: Stephanie Carson and Ginny Zimmer
arr. Hal H. Hopson
(all humming or singing quietly)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle done, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

John Leavitt

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

Quartet: Melanie Brown, Dick Casper, Rachelle Cox, Bill Martin

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/850720965676/citylightupdate-5509203
Music Ministry’s Annual Garage Sale
Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th

We are so happy to let you know we will be having our 2021 Garage Sale on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th. Your donations and the donations you request from family and friends are so important to the success of the sale. For all of those who have provided many generous items during the past year, we thank you.

We will be accepting your donations on the following days and times in the Family Life Center:

- May 15 – May 21, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- May 22 – May 26, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We cannot accept older electronics, TV’s, entertainment centers or furniture that is not in ‘new’ condition. Everything else is most welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call Susan or e-mail her if you can help (727) 709-8237 or susank-curry@verizon.net.

Thank you, Stephanie Carson (Director of Music Ministries), Susan Curry (Chair)
One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday
For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Fund, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

HYMN NOTES:
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. Much of the interest since then has probably been the result of its pairing with the tune EASTER HYMN (which we sing today). The composer of the music has never been identified. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymnal editor to make the words fit the tune. The tune also has a history from the 18th century of being named CHRISTMAS DAY and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” In our Glory to God hymnal, the famous Easter words are coupled with a different tune.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY
GREETERS:
Murle Whitten & Ellen Stoup
USHERS:
Roxie Swartz & Eleanor Cicerchi

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

Your Giving Matters
For in-person worship, the plate will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church’s expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:
1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click “Give” under the ChurchLife app menu options

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….
Sunday, April 4:
Jim Speer, Sue Walker,
Jack Mattson
Tuesday, April 6:
Mark Luther, Alexander Turner
Wednesday, April 7:
Wilai McNay, DaShanha Roberts
Thursday, April 8:
Jerry Cox, Greg Hatch
Friday, April 9:
Jackie Koski, Julie Giese,
Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark
Saturday, April 10:
Lloyd Kimball
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

OFFICE CLOSED
The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 5th. The office will re-open Tuesday, April 6th, at 9:00a.m.

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 vickilee33@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 May 7th. 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) 787-9868.

Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul Means
Thursday, April 8th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. Join us as we study God's word seeking by God's grace to grow in faith, hope and love.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study—May 6th, 11:00am
Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called “Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament” by P. Lynn Miller. This is a 9-month study on reclaiming the practice of lament through Biblical study. Study books are available for purchase. The study will be available through livestreaming only on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM and is led by Pastor Chris Curvin. The next study will take place on Thursday, May 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us through livestreaming of the study! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com.

The Paschal Candle
Today on the chancel is a large candle that symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night, and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter. This large candle sits tall and it bears a light and witness to the risen Christ. The candle is called the paschal candle. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Passover-- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The candle is first used during Holy Week and continues at each service through the Great Fifty Days—Easter through Pentecost. It is also appropriate to light it at initiation rites such as baptism, confirmation and ordinations as well as at funerals.