HYMN NOTES:
“The Day of Resurrection” (233)
This hymn from the early 8th century is one of the oldest found in most hymnals. Its origin is rooted in the liturgy of the Greek Church. It was written by one of the famous monks of the church, John of Damascus (c. 676 - c. 780). This writing occurred several centuries before the Byzantine or Greek Orthodox Church split with the western Roman Church in 1044. The hymn is still sung in Greek churches at midnight before Easter as the congregation lights candles to dispel darkness and the silence is shattered by sounds of drums and trumpets. The hymn moves from the Exodus (crossing the Red Sea appears in all Greek Easter hymns) to the New Testament story of Easter morning.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, April 11: Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker
Tuesday, April 13: Rob Bonnier, Sandra Rasmussen, Dee Bryant, Kasandra Matton
Wednesday, April 14: Pokey Smith, Barbara Forsyth, Eileen Nelson, Donald Faulkner
Thursday, April 15: Nick Weidner
Friday, April 16: Janice Patteson, Lars Greff
Saturday, April 17: Ibelise Luther

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 Hallie Pelham
In Honor of My Mom’s Birthday

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. If you are worshiping livestream, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 15th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. Join us via Livestream or Facebook as we study God’s word seeking by God’s grace to grow in faith, hope and love.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Come, Grow, Go!

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz, Ellen Stoup & Murle Whitten

USHERS:
(11:00) Earle Lusk & Sandra Rasmussen

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April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Now the Green Blade Rises” (based in the Easter hymn #247)  Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: We gather to worship as God’s dearly beloved children.
People: By God’s grace that is who we are!
Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.
All: In faith and with joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us!

HYMN #233
“The Day of Resurrection!”
LANCASHIRE
The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us back with hymns of victory.
Let hearts be purge of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN #254
“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”
PUIR NOBIS NASCITUR
That Easter day with joy was bright;
The sun shone out with fairer light when,
To all the world glad news we bring:
All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING
John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

SERMON
“My Lord and My God!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

HYMN #239
“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”
GELOBT SEI GOTT
(stanzas 1, 2, 3) Stephanie Carson, Piano
Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Lord of life is risen today!
Death’s mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE GROW IN THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us when we are easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us, that although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live obedient lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581
“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”
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.

SOLO
“All Hail to Jesus”
arr. Mark Hayes
Stephanie Carson, Soprano
Allahia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter;
His the throne. Allahia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain”  Robin Dinda
“Great Things”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRaise song
“My Feet Are on the Rock”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

SCRIPTURE
John 20:19-31

MESSAGE
“My Lord and My God!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Great Things”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU