HYMN NOTES:

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service (761)

This text was written for the Women's Breakfast at the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. held concurrently in Houston TX in May 1981, two years before the denominations reunited.

When the author wrote these words, she was thinking primarily of the partnership of men and women in the church. She was mindful of the recent (1980) 50th anniversary of the ordination of women as elders and the 25th anniversary of women ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Because the language of the text is not limited to gender issues, however, it speaks to many kinds of painful, needless, and inappropriate divisions within the household of faith, and challenges those who sing and hear it to work for reconciliation and wholeness.

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. As we did last year, the candle is first used on Easter 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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 18: Linda Howard, David Johnson

Joanne Bruno, Terry Curkan, Lex Long Monday, April 19:

Tuesday, April 20: Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann,

Faith Garcia

Thursday, April 22: Edwin Smith, Garry Justice Friday, April 23: Shirley Gleason, Lindsay Frame

Keith Nadig, Kat Voss Saturday, April 24:

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



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

Babs Bailey & Nancy Turner (9:00)

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

USHERS:

(9:00)Cynthia Lawrence & Roxie Swartz

Earle Lusk & Eleanor Cicerchi



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-

Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul Means

Thursday, April 22nd 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**

SUNDAY 4/18
9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM - CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY 4/20 7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 4/21
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM - CITYNIGHT AT THE CAUSEWAY FOR EARTH DAY.
MEET AT 5:00 PM AT THE CHURCH IF YOU NEED A RIDE OR 5:30 PM BY
THE BATHROOMS NEXT TO THE GIANT LOBSTER ON THE CAUSEWAY.
WE WILL START WITH A BEACH CLEAN UP, THEN HAVE A DEVOTION & EAT A SIMPLE DINNER WITH SUNSET.
PICK UP AT 8:00 PM ON THE CAUSEWAY OR 8:15 PM AT THE CHURCH.
SIGN UP IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL!

SUNDAY 4/25 9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE 7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

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April 18, 2021

Gifts of Women Sunday



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter 11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Psalm 23"

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

GATHERING PRAYER

Cindy Huffman

*HYMN #305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, As we in mission magnify the crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sue Miskiewicz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of glory and righteousness, we confess that we do not live as citizens of your kingdom. We give allegiance to worldly thrones. We ignore the neediest in our midst. We discount our own worth. We forsake your just rule and the rules of your kingdom. Take from us the spirit of isolation, greed, lust for power and false pride. Give us instead the spirit of interdependency, generosity, humility and love. In all things grant us time for amendment of life that we may serve you all the length of our days. Through Christ Jesus we pray. 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.

SOLO

"For Those Who Serve" Michele White, Soloist Joseph M. Martin

Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear; Tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear. Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words, All those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise.

Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord, The ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.
Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.

Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace, Leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see. Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night, Arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ.

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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

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)

SERMON

"Holy Disruption" Paula Salter, Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Tampa Bay

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each others burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

UNTARY Michael Burkhardt "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

Stephanie Carson, Music Director Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

Quartet: Tracey Birch, Melanie Brown, Elaine Cornillaud, Michele White

GNATE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

"All the People Said Amen"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

"Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE

"Holy Disruption"

Paula Salter, Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Tampa Bay

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Behold the Lamb"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes	
	that Ignite Action!