CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
Cindy Huffman will be leading a study of the prophet, Jeremiah, featuring the book by Matthew S. Harmon. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at cindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger
Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer. We will meet again starting in September. Please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com if you have any questions.

Fresh Brewed, led by Louise Mylin
Fresh Brewed will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/cc335d8cc091/citylightupdate-6512647

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(9:00) Spencer & Ann Briggs
(11:00) Jessie Loy, Roger Stany & Dan Hyden

USHERS:
(9:00) Nancy Turner & Babs Bailey
(11:00) Eleanor Ciccerchi & Dee Rivers

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Galatians 5:1
WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “America the Beautiful Medley”
(God of Our Fathers)  arr. Sharon Wilson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We draw near to the one, true God who rules over all nations.
People: Righteousness and compassion exalt a nation, but sin and oppression bring misery and shattered dreams.
Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.
People: We will celebrate the goodness of God and proclaim the good news that in Jesus Christ we have been set free.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #337  “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
(stanzas 1,2,4)  AMERICA
My Country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrill like that above.

Our Fathers’ God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedoms holy light; I love the rocks and rills, the woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrill like that above.

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, your word makes it clear that “it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” Yet we confess that far too often we do not live out the reality of that freedom in our lives. Instead we too easily embrace the illusion that true freedom is doing what we want, when we want. In your grace, forgive us and free us to obey your life-giving commands and to faithfully do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

APOSTLES’ CREED (Together)
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; 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.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY—#606  OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, ye heavens above; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM  “Battle Hymn of the Republic”  arr. Roy Ringwald
Michele White, Soloist;
Four-Hand Piano, Linda Pointer & Katharine Vennink

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
John 17: 6-11, 17-19; Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)

SERMON  “True Freedom”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #338  “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”  MATERNIA
(stanzas 1-2)  O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thy every flaw; confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty and law!

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—(and bread for your use at home.)

COMMUNION HYMN #530  “One Bread, One Body”
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. This is my song, O God of all the nations, this is my song, O God of all the nations:

but other hearts in other lands are beating here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; this is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; this is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: this is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations, myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Finale: Star Spangled Banner”  Charles Callahan
(From Patriotic Suite)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director;  Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG  “America/My Country ‘Tis of Thee”
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISE SONG  “America, the Beautiful/ O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

VIDEO  “The Word on Freedom”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY  “For Our Freedom!”
by Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURES
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HOLY COMMUNION
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SONG OF DEDICATION  “Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

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