

HYMN NOTES:

“When Peace like a River” (It Is Well with My Soul) #840

Tragedy was associated with the writing of the words of this famous gospel hymn and followed closely the composing of the music. H.G. Spafford wrote the poem in the mid-Atlantic over the spot where his four daughters had drowned a few days before. His wife and children were sailing to France on the S.S. *Ville du Havre*, one of the largest ships afloat. It was rammed by an English iron sailing vessel and sank to the bottom of the ocean within two hours, killing 226 people. Mrs. Spafford survived and cabled her husband “Saved alone.” Just weeks before this tragic drowning, Spafford had lost everything he owned in the great Chicago fire. As Spafford sailed to join his wife the ship’s captain pointed out to him the spot where the ship had gone down and Spafford wrote these words:

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea-billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul!*

Phillip P. Bliss wrote the music for the hymn three years later. Two weeks after it had been written, Bliss and his wife were killed in a train crash in Ashtabula, Ohio. It was said by witnesses that Bliss could have escaped, but chose to die by the side of his wife, who was caught in the flaming wreckage.

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

Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, April 19th:** Terry Curkan, Blake Harris, Lex Long
- Monday, April 20th:** Anna Hyden, Faith Garcia, Ed Puschmann
- Tuesday, April 21st:** Aggie Blair
- Wednesday, April 22nd:** Garry Justice, Edwin Smith
- Thursday, April 23rd:** Shirley Gleason
- Friday, April 24th:** Charlie Hersh, Keith Nadig, Kat Voss
- Saturday, April 25th:** Billie Nesmith, Renee Smith

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Kathryn Birch
- (11:00) Garland Pelham



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Nancy & Don Stevens
- (11:00) Lauren & Bob Meier

Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Dick & Connie Evans, Dennis & Betty O’Shea
- (9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Mike & Linda O’Leary, Sue Miskiewicz, Roger Snay, Sr.

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.

Teacher: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Melissa Long & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Steve Cantin & Jeremy Stephen

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teacher: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

- 9:30 AM Youth Room
- 11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Join us as we begin a study of the life of Joseph in Genesis, Chapter 36. Led by Bob Meier.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: We will review the actions taken at the UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA by members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the subsequent response by the university president, David Boren. Bill Bitner will lead the discussion.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

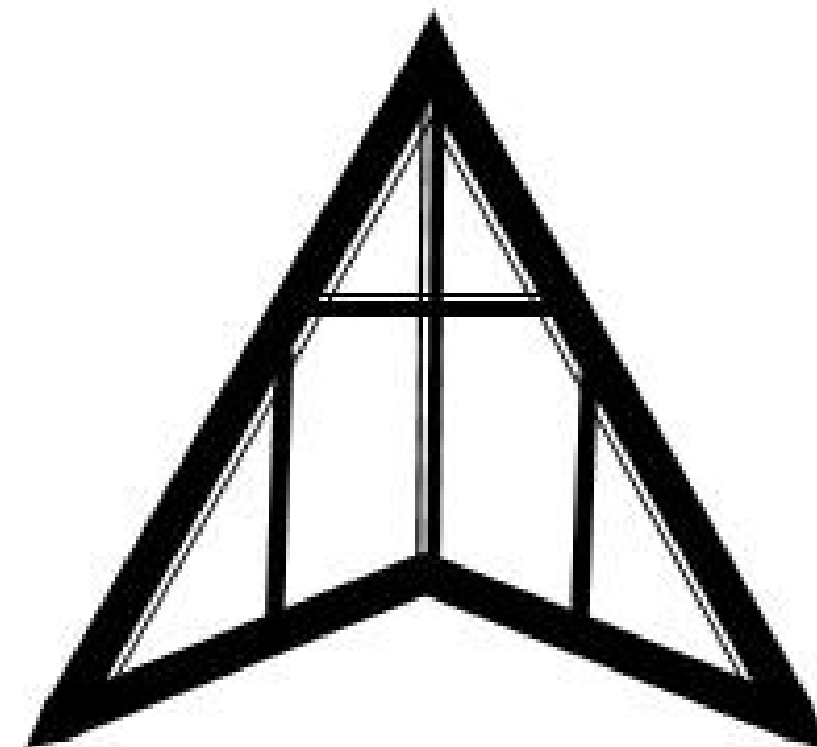
EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

**Welcome To
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A Stephen Ministry Church

April 19, 2015



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 19, 2015
3rd Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(8:15) "When I Can Read My Title Clear" Scottish Melody
arr. Mark Hayes
(11:00) "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love" arr. Kevin McChesney
Celestial Handbell Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #246** "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Grace and Wisdom, all too often we have allowed the competing voices of this world to influence and dictate our life-goals, rather than to allow your perfect will of love and grace to inspire and shape our hopes and dreams. We confess that we pursue our life ambitions with a spirit of self-seeking pride, rather than living our lives with a spirit of humility that seeks to obey your will and to patiently wait upon you to give us the desires of our hearts. By your grace forgive us and fill our hearts with a passion to press on toward the goal of living lives that make a difference for Jesus Christ's sake. 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."

ANTHEM "In Thee, Almighty King" by Dan Forrest

*In Thee, Almighty King, what majesties abound,
Within thy Kingdom there is peace, and glories all around.
Thy name we now exalt, to Thee we gladly sing,
Proclaiming honor, love, and pow'r, in Thee, Almighty King.*

*In Thee, O Precious Lord, is found redeeming grace.
Thy cleansing blood was freely giv'n to save a sinful race.
So now we humbly stand to sing in one accord,
To sing eternal joy and endless life, in Thee, O Precious Lord.*

*In Thee, Exalted Son, Eternal life is found,
For death has lost the victory, and Thy head has been crowned.
Let all creation praise Thy name, O Living One!
With grateful hearts we now rejoice, In Thee, Exalted Son,
In Thee, O Precious Lord, In Thee, Almighty King!*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

(11:00) ORFF ENSEMBLE "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez
Celestial Orff ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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."

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Thine Is the Glory" arr. Robin Dinda
(based on the Easter hymn at #238 in *Glory to God*)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 583) Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

***HYMN #840** "When Peace like a River" VILLE DU HAVRE
(Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 955) Philippians 3:12-16 (NIV)

SERMON Paul Means, Associate Pastor
"Pressing on Towards the Goal God Has for You"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #846** "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

***BENEDICTION**

(8:15) BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez
Celestial Orff ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. John Leavitt
"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"
(based on the Easter hymn at #239 in *Glory to God*)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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

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

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ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"
arr. Kevin McChesney
Celestial Handbell Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

**MEET & GREET
PRAISE SONGS**

"My Savior Lives"
"The Only Name (Yours Will Be)"
"Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Rain Down"
Jaime Cortez
Celestial Orff ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"Jesus Messiah"

SCRIPTURE
Philippians 3:12-16 (NIV)

MESSAGE
"Pressing on Towards the Goal
God Has for You"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
"Because He Lives (Amen)"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!