

**HYMN NOTES:** Today we will sing two hymns from the 19<sup>th</sup> century that have long been standards of the church. **“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” (833)** was written by Scottish Dr. George Matheson on June 6, 1882. He wrote, “...it was the day of my sister’s marriage and the rest of the family was staying overnight in Glasgow. Something happened to me which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering...I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes. It never received at my hands any retouching or correction.” It was first published in *Life and Work*, the record of the Church of Scotland (1883) and *The Scottish Hymnal* (1885). With the same strange rapidity, the composer of the tune, Dr. Albert L. Peace read the poem and wrote the tune “straight off” with “the ink of the first note hardly dry” when he had finished the tune. The text deals with Love, Light, Joy, and the Cross—all giving reassurance in times of sorrow. **“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (724, 725)** was written by Englishman John Ernest Bode for his children’s confirmation (he was rector of the church). Originally six stanzas, the four in *Glory to God* are the ones now in common usage. The tune, ANGEL’S STORY, is the original musical setting for the hymn “I Love to Hear the Story Which Angel Voices Tell.” The composer, Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) became organist and choirmaster of the now famous King’s College, Cambridge in 1876 and remained there until his death. Mann revolutionized the music there transforming the choir from the worst of the three choirs maintaining daily services to the most famous Anglican choir in the world.

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



*Carol Bushnell  
In Loving Memory of  
Lauren Bushnell*



*Jackie & Jerry Koski  
In Loving Memory of  
Jackie’s mom, Addline Reimer*

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!

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

**Sunday, March 22nd:** Suzanne Hamilton, Amanda Voss  
**Monday, March 23rd:** Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck  
**Tuesday, March 24th:** Mary Corrello, Isabella Devincintis, Fred Drew, Will Parker, Mike Sullivan, Dallas Wood  
**Wednesday, March 25th:** Jason McNeil, Grant Pelham  
**Thursday, March 26th:** Will Allen, Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns, Lisa Weitz  
**Friday, March 27th:** Laureen Meier, Paige Michaels  
**Saturday, March 28th:** Michele Hanway, Jeanette Holloway  
*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) Kayla Dabbs (11:00) Kylie Crossley  
**GREETERS:**  
 (8:15) Ray & JoAnne Spigarelli  
 (11:00) Bob & MaryJane Redpath  
**USHERS:**  
 (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner, Bob MacFall, Gene Baker  
 (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin  
 (11:00) Dane & Vicki Phillips, Ernie & Carol Kirkwood  
**VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puschmann

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
 3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> 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: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Tracey Birch & Justine Ruisz*

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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: Joan & David Tobiassen*

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
 3 Yr. Olds – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Who were the Kings of the South and North? Come and join us as we study and learn together using Daniel, Chapter 11. Led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

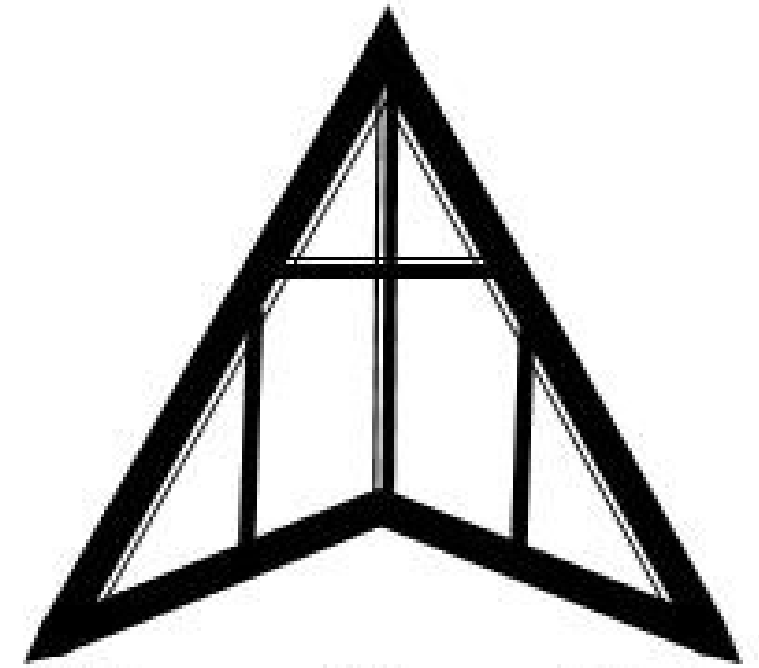
**TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11**  
**TODAY:** A Review of recent articles from *The Christian Century* with class discussions and reactions. All are welcome at 9:30 in rooms 9 and 11.

**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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Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

**March 22, 2015**



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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**March 22, 2015**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**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** (11:00) Sue Miskiewicz

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** arr. Arnold Sherman  
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
Westminster Youth Ringers and Singers

*(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 #826** “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**  
Abba God, we come to You knowing that we have gone astray from Your ways. We have sought the pleasure and comfort of worldly gain. We have desired more and have striven to have more things, minimizing the needs of others. Most of all, we have turned our hearts away from You to love the things of this world more than You. Forgive us. Create in us clean and renewed hearts, where Your love may dwell. Call us back to the ways of love, justice, and peace that you modeled and taught for us. By your grace enable us to leave behind the corrupt and corrosive ways of this world, to die to this world, to lose our life for Your sake, so that we may find New Life in You. In the powerful name of Jesus the Christ we do 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.”

**ANTHEM** “And Can It Be” Dan Forrest

*And can it be? And can it be? amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him in death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love. And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.  
And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?*

*No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*

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

**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** Johann Nicolaus Hanff  
“Auf meinen lieben Gott” (1630-1706)  
(In My Dear God I Trust)

**\*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 642) Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #833** “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” ST. MARGARET  
*(Please Stand.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 875) John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

**SERMON** Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
“**A Strange, Scandalous Glory**”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #724** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL'S STORY  
(stanzas 1, 4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Lift High the Cross” Charles W. Ore  
(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #826)

*(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**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”  
arr. Arnold Sherman  
Westminster Ringers & Singers (6-12th Graders)

**MEET & GREET  
PRAISE SONGS**

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”  
“Thrive”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“I Am His Child”  
Moses Hogan  
Angel Choir (3rd-5th Graders)

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

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“My Heart Is Yours”

**VIDEO—“Gospel”**

**SCRIPTURE**  
John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**  
“**A Strange, Scandalous Glory**”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
“Lift My Life Up”

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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