


Music Notes:
In the early 1950s, Jane Marshall was a young homemaker and Methodist church choir member, albeit one with unusually strong music background. She decided to write an anthem. The grand slam result was “My Eternal King,” published in 1954 by Carl Fischer Music. It became one of that venerable sheet music company’s all-time bestselling anthems and remains popular with choirs across denominations. Marshall would go on to write more than 200 anthems, hymns and other sacred music works.
A revered figure among fellow musicians, and the broader church music world, Marshall died May 29 in Dallas at age 94. “I rank her as the most sensitive and text-oriented hymn tune composer of the late 20th century. She was that good,” said the Rev. Carlton Young, editor of the United Methodist Hymnal.
She taught for many years at Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology and influenced countless church musicians and pastors with her depth of understanding and ability to convey her faith through her writings and compositions. Marshall, in an essay titled “The Passionate Church Musician,” directly addressed the place of music in the Christian life:
“Much is said, and rightly so, about necessary faith in God—a given we all accept,” she wrote. “What can be added is that music itself, when it is the real thing and not a cheap imitation, is worth having faith in, too. It is no exaggeration to say that music, a large mystery within the larger mystery of the Deity itself, is always there to heal and inspire when everything else on earth falls short.”
Today we sing that first publication “My Eternal King” in recognition of Jane Marshall (1924-2019).

| BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO... | |
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| Sunday, September 22: | Steve Lang, Matilde Naider, David Nelson, Rachel Granata |
| Monday, September 23: | Carl Corrello, Phil Ventrella, Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson |
| Tuesday, September 24: | Lou Weislogel |
| Wednesday, September 25: | Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner |
| Friday, September 27: | Peter Judd, Suzanne Alexander Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker |
| Saturday, September 28: | Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Sharon Helms, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson |
| <i>If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!</i> | |

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



Terry & Peggy Steele
In Loving Memory of Our Mothers
Maxine Steele & Zella Morris



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| FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY | |
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| GREETERS: | |
| (8:15) | Joanne & Ray Spigarelli |
| (11:00) | Murle Whitten & Polly Brown |
| USHERS: | |
| (8:15) | Wayne & Nancy Rodewald Patty Martin |
| (9:30) | Bill & Louise Mylin |
| (11:00) | Pete Towns, Sue Miskiewicz Nancy Johnson, Allen Hurst |
| VAN DRIVER: | Keith Nadig |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds–1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with David & Suzanne Hamilton.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredrikson & Justine Davis.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will starting our new series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, Kelly Siegel from *Hospice* will speak on “What you don’t know about Hospice might surprise you.” Next week, Al Barrett from *Threads of Hope* will update us on this fantastic program.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study —BEGINS OCTOBER 6th
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 and will begin **October 6**. We will be studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We will look at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we will use is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly*. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “Defenders”
The “Defenders” meet in rooms 5 & 7 at both 9:30am & 11:00am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, studying the book "Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World" by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

September 22, 2019

“A Bright, Unsympathetic Sun”

A bright, unsympathetic sun
marked off the hours one by one
As workers hurried to a field
to gather what the ground would yield.

Throughout the morning others came,
throughout the day it was the same:
The farmer, with a crop to get,
hired every sturdy back he met.

But when the laborers were paid
some were distressed with what was made;
It did not matter when they’d come,
they each received an equal sum!

We understand the day’s dismay,
the puzzle over equal pay;
it’s scandalous in any age
to have compassion set the wage.

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Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 22, 2019
15th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: It is by God’s grace that we gather for worship.

People: And it is by God’s grace that our lives are changed.

Leader: As we worship God, may the eyes of our hearts be opened to the grace of God that is all around us.

People: For it is by grace we have been saved through faith in Jesus, so with joy and thanksgiving let us give our hearts in worship to God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Kevin McChesney
Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:15) Chris Curvin, Pastor
(11:00) Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:15) Rosalie Bradford, Dir. of Youth & Families

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

O God of glory and grace, how healing and freeing it is to know both in our minds and in our hearts that Jesus Christ came into this world to redeem rebellious and broken human beings! Forgive us, dear Lord, when we take his sacrificial suffering and death for granted. Forgive us when we draw upon your grace to gloss over and continue our sinful ways rather than embracing your grace to transform us into persons filled with your love and righteousness. By your grace this day and for all the days that are yet to come, help us know and experience your forgiving love, being set free to live lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GREATOREX

**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

“My Eternal King”

Jane Marshall

(see the Music Notes paragraph about this anthem)

(1924-2019)

*My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;*

*Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the love of winning heaven, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!
E’en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God and my Eternal King.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Welsh Hymntune: AR HYD Y NOS” arr. David Cherwien

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Together)*

Almighty and loving God, all the world is your vineyard and we are the laborers therein. The fruits of our labor are yours, but you allow us to manage them for you. You graciously gift us with these blessings to enjoy and you call us to share a portion of our blessings with those in need. O Lord, receive and bless the tithes and offerings we bring to you this day. May they be employed to build up your church and to proclaim, in word and deed, the good news of the kingdom of God to a bent and hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“A Bright, Unsympathetic Sun”
(see front cover)

TALLIS’ CANON

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16 NRSV *(page 801)*

SERMON

“The Scandal of God’s Grace”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

AR HYD Y NOS

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING
(please be seated)

“As We Go”
Lindsey Peterson, Soloist

Jeremy Johnson

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Emma Lou Diemer

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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

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

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

COUNTDOWN

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Kevin McChesney

Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Call Upon the Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“King of Kings”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Glorious Day” (Living He Loved Me)

VIDEO

“Amazing Grace”

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 20:1–16

MESSAGE

“The Scandal of God’s Grace”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!