


Hymn Notes:
“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (169)
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), as a Quaker, never wrote an actual hymn, for he believed in the ideals of simplicity, stillness, and silence. In the April 1872 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* was published his seventeen stanza poem, “The Brewing of Soma.” It describes how East Indian priests brew “a drink of the gods” from the hallucinogenic soma plant and how its intoxicating properties affect worshippers. The poem concludes with a six-stanza prayer that opens with what has become the first line of this hymn. In this “non-hymn” scriptural allusions are plentiful: disciples rising to follow without a word, Jesus prayer in the calm hills, the still small voice of God speaking to Elijah on Mt. Carmel. The present text corresponds to Whittier’s stanzas 12-14 and 16-17; no changes have been made. In some ways it is ironic that Whittier’s poem became a hymn, given that his clear ideal is silence (as befits a Quaker.) Yet it offers a reminder that we need to listen for that “still, small voice.”



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, February 24: Jane Kirkpatrick, Ben Jones
Wednesday, February 26: Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus
Thursday, February 27: Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen
Friday, February 28: Marie Elliot, Carol Justice, David Robicheau
Saturday, February 29: Kay Rath



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

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(8:15) Nancy Stevens & Jay Basinger
(11:00) Margie Gott & Carol Bushnell

USHERS:
(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
Jerry Koski & Bob MacFall
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Nancy Johnston
Linda & Mike O’Leary



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 Dan & Karen Gipson.

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

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, the youth will meet for Sunday School this week in rooms 10 & 12 where we will be continuing our series, *Amplify*. The Confirmation class will meet in the City at 10:45am for Class #3.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI offers congregants an opportunity to explore their faith in relation to "today's Christian issues". We welcome young and old alike -- from 19 to 90 and every age in between -- as our age difference informs our attitudes. This week Marti Huff will explore mental health -- who needs it and who gets it. Next week, Garry Justice will complete his four-part series exploring the Ten Commandments as he examines the first and second commandments.

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
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies—Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi* by Linda B. Hinton. 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!

Welcome To
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February 23, 2020



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Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 23, 2020
Transfiguration of the Lord
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: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,
People: and God said: This is my Beloved Son.
Leader: As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,
People: God’s glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.
Leader: At the mountain of the Lord bow down,
People: for the Lord our God is holy.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Come Christians, Join to Sing” Arnold B. Sherman
Jubilation Ringers
Heather Wood, Tambourine; Jarrett Mattson, Hand Drum

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson, Composer Weekend/Concert

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Gracious and forgiving God, we confess we need your help in keeping our lives from becoming unraveled. We stand in danger of accepting the past as the absolute norm for the future without allowing the Winds of Your Spirit to guide us into new directions. We too often take from the past the ashes rather than the fire of renewal. More of our regrets are false and unreal than they are legitimate. O God of new beginnings, help us to let go of the spiritual baggage of the past, and give it to you for your disposal in forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” John Rutter

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*The purple-headed mountain, the rivers running by,
The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one;*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

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 “Who Will Be a Witness?” Donald Moore
Westminster Youth Choir

*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

*HYMN #169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” REST

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Samuel 16:1-13 NRSV *(page 226)*
2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NRSV *(page 939)*

SERMON SERIES The Time of Your Life
Sermon #3 “Life Transitions”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #702 “Christ Be Beside Me” BUNESSAN

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “May You Run and Not Be Weary” Murakami/Hanson
(please be seated) Lindsey Peterson, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Allegro” G.F. Handel

(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

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

We welcome our middle school youth praise band

THRIVE

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman
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Heather Wood, Tambourine; Jarrett Mattson, Hand Drum

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Fix My Eyes”

“Overcome”

“Reckless Love”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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YOUTH CHOIR

“Who Will Be a Witness?”

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Mark Johnston
Aidan McDermott, Alto Saxophone

SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: The Time of Your Life

“Life Transitions”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Go”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU