

Hymn Notes:

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (377)

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934), composer and author

In the summer of 1966, a terrible heat wave was gripping St. Louis when the author/composer's mother came for a visit. There was no air conditioning in the above 100 degree temperature so the family decided to head back to the mother's home in Houston where air conditioning awaited. However a strike by aircraft mechanics grounded planes and the only solution was to drive. From this unlikely circumstance emerged this prayer/meditation on the theme of light. Thomerson produced the words and tune as they prepared to leave, thinking about the harmonies as they drove to Houston and finished it once they arrived. It was first sung at the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Houston—the family's church. The tune name reflects the destination of the journey during which the hymn was created.

The organ music today is based on this tune from a partita (which means a collection of variations) on the melody HOUSTON by Milwaukee musician John Behnke. He is Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University and is parish musician at a Lutheran church as well as directing a professional handbell choir. He now lives part-time in the Sarasota area. He believes "there is no higher honor on earth than to make music in the house of the Lord."

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, October 22: Mary Ellen Zeigler, Cassondra Fredriksen, Rob Robicheau

Wednesday, October 23: Vickie Mills

Thursday, October 24: Imogene White, Jon Mills, Ed Derkevics

Friday, October 25: David Daniel, Larry Taylor, Jordan Mattheus

Saturday, October 26: Sue GaVette, Jody Mattheus, Doug Caccamise



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

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



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In Loving Memory of Our Parents**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2019 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Barbara Moler & Linda Ciokan
(11:00) Carol Bushnell, Margie Gott



USHERS:

(8:15) Tim Beaver, Suzanne Hamilton
Myrl & Dot Chronister
(9:30) Kim Peterson, Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Sharon Card
Larry & Sandy Ingram

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Due to the Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat, there will be no Sunday school for 1st -5th grade today, October 20th. Children may remain in service with their family for worship. Sunday school will resume next week, October 27th.

**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 be studying our 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, Stuart Berger of the Clearwater Free Clinic, will give us a virtual tour of the newly opened Clearwater Free Clinic, which our church supports.

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 —WE WILL NOT MEET OCTOBER 20th OR 27th. WE WILL RESUME NOV. 3rd

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 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-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!

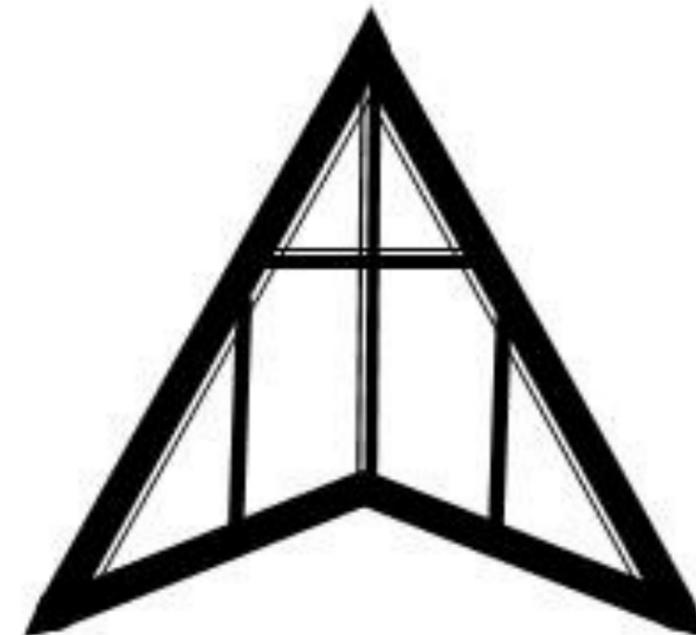
9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. "Defenders"

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.

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October 20, 2019



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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 20, 2019
19th 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: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;

People: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Pray always, and do not lose heart.

People: Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day Christ Jesus appears.

All: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Dennis Funderburk
Heather Wood, Clarinet

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Beth-El Blanket Sunday
(8:15) Paul Means (11:00) Sue Miskiewicz

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Dear Lord, we confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by wealth, power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions—Forgive us when we are lazy and irresponsible stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us. By your grace, may we experience the freedom and joy of being found faithful in serving you by serving others in Christ’s name. 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 “O Lord, You Know My Heart” Sandra T. Ford
Michele White, Soprano

O Lord, you know my heart.

You have searched my soul and know each thought that I conceive.

O Lord, you know my words before I speak. Your spirit forms each blessing I receive.

O Lord, you know my heart.

You have heard my every doubt my every fear, O Lord,

You trace the pathways of my life, I feel your hand and know that you are near.

*If I should ride the morning wind unto a distant sea,
Or pass into the shadow of despair. If I ascend to heaven,
Or plunge into the night, your everlasting presence will be there.*

O Lord, you know my heart.

For all my days were planned before I came to be. O Lord,

Enfold my life within your care, and lead my steps into eternity. Amen.

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 “Cantabile” John A. Behnke
(I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)

*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)*

Praise be to you, Lord God, for Yours is the greatness and power and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Dear Lord, receive these gifts as an expression of our adoration and gratitude to you. Bless them and use them to bring glory to your Name and to proclaim to a hurting and struggling world the good news of the gospel that is found in Jesus Christ our Lord in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #725,724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” NYLAND/ANGEL’S STORY
*Sing stanzas 1 and 2 to #725
Sing stanzas 3 and 4 to #724*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:19-24 NRSV *(page 787)*

SERMON “Investing in What Matters Most”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “God Be With You” arr. Dale Wood
(please be seated) Dennis Rasmussen, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Fantasia” John A. Behnke
(I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light)

(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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“Open Up the Heavens”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Unstoppable God”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Beth-El Blanket Sunday, Sue Miskiewicz

PRAISE SONG

“King of My Heart/God Is So Good”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“You Say”

VIDEO

“Money”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-24

MESSAGE

“Investing in What Matters Most”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Cornerstone”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!