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**October 2, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Sara Varnado, Parish Associate**

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church**



## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

*Come into this place which we make holy by our presence. Come in with all of your vulnerabilities and strengths, fears and anxieties, loves and hopes. For here you need not hide, nor pretend, nor be anything other than who you are and who you are called to be. Come into this place where we can touch and be touched, heal and be healed, forgive and be forgiven.*

*Come into this place where the ordinary is sanctified, the human is celebrated, the compassionate is expected. Come into this place, together we make it a holy place. Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church!*

**\*\*We stand with our hearts or our postures**

⌄Do Not Enter

**SOZ** refers to the "Songs of Zion" hymnal

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

### Prelude

**Introit** *"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place"* - Young The Chancel Choir

### Greetings

### **\*\*Invocation**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

One: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

**Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**

One: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

**Many: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**

One: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**Many: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!**

**\*Hymn** #276, Hymnal

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”***

### **†Prayer of Confession**

**One:** Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable. We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let’s try to come back together again, and let’s start with the truth.

Let’s confess our sins, to God, and also, to each other.

**All: Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

### **†God’s Good News**

**One:** Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows. Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows. Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, your sins have been forgiven.

**Many: Thank you, Lord.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Welcome to our Visitors**

**\*\*Passing the Peace** #110, SOZ ***“Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”***

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you!

**Many:** **And also with you!**

### **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Nancy**

**Response** #304, Hymnal

***“Jesus Loves Me”***

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*We approach the table today but we don’t approach it alone. We approach it on this World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world, in congregations large and small, speaking every language and one language. And so part of our approach this morning is to remember in our offering our connection to the work of the church in*



with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

## Prayers of the People



### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#138, SOZ *“Study War No More”*  
#513, Hymnal *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

## Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. ...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ...

And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

**Many: Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. ...

Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

**All:** *The Prayer Jesus Taught*, p 16, Hymnal

### **The Breaking of the Bread and the Words of Institution**

**The Gospel Feast** (*The People of God will come forward to receive the elements*)

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**

### **WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR**

**\*\*Hymn** #514, Hymnal                    *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

**Choral Benediction**                    *"Three-Fold Amen"*

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

**(Please Be Seated Until After the Postlude Ends)**

**Postlude:**                    *"Fanfare"* - Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

<b>LECTIONARY: LAMENTATION 1:1-6; LAMENTATION 3:19-26 OR PSALM 137; 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14; LUKE 17:5-10</b>
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<b>Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais Greeter: Elder Geonard Butler and Deacon Helen Felton</b>
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Northeastern is getting ready to create a new photo directory. Please call the church office to sign up for your photo session. The dates for appointments will be November 11-13, 2016 and the hours are Friday: 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thank you for your prompt response. Don't miss out, be a part of our new directory.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (B&G)** would like to thank all who have pledged and made a contribution to the new Building Fund campaign. If you've not submitted a pledge card or made a contribution for 2016, it's not too late to show your spiritual and financial support. Your Building Fund contribution is beyond the current tithes and offerings and is dedicated to much needed building repairs. To learn more about the campaign's goals, see the display boards located in Narthex and Education Building first floor elevator lobby. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to be a part of this campaign.

**INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (GGC)** Today and next Sunday we receive the "Global Witness Offering" (Formerly called Peacemaking) which is the third Mission Giving for 2016. We reflect upon how this Offering supports some of the fundamental values of our faith. The funds address drug violence, gun violence, human trafficking and structural racism. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remains with local congregations and the remaining balance will be sent to the General Assembly. Please give **GENEROUSLY** in support of our Presbyterian Ministry. (Envelopes are provided) - I & S Committee

**LITERARY CLUB**-- Please join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss Terry McMillan's new novel "*I Almost Forgot about You.*" We will meet in the Jamison Lounge after morning worship.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Applications for nomination to the office of Elder, Deacon, Trustee and a position on the Nominating Committee have been placed in the narthex and breezeway. Please use this application to nominate someone or even yourself for these positions. All forms must be returned by Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 12 noon. God Bless and thank you! -Elder Clarence Wade, Chair – Nominating Committee

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the Book of James on Tuesday mornings. Please join us.

**ATTENTION NORTHEASTERNERS!!** On October 23, 2016 at 4p.m., The Wylie Whisonant Friends of Music Society will present Dr. Mickey Thomas Terry in an Organ recital. Ads (photo ready) Patrons, Sponsors and Benefactor names must be submitted by October 9 for inclusion in the program. Let's give Dr. Terry a **BIG WELCOME BACK TO OUR SANCTUARY!**

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Northeastern Presbyterian Church

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October 15, 2016

10 AM - 1 PM

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## World Communion Sunday

*“All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.” (I Cor. 11:29)* The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

### A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

[John A. Dalles](#), a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr’s younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,

“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn’t until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of

churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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