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March 29, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor*

# Northeastern Presbyterian Church



## Palm Sunday

*Welcome to the Northeastern Presbyterian Church! We thank God for this time together! We pray that the grace of God will heal your hurts; that the strength of God will give you courage to face the week before you; that the power of God will prepare your way; and that the peace of God will keep you secure and steady in Christ Jesus.*

- † Please enter after the invitation of the ushers
- \*We stand with our hearts or our postures
- SOZ refers to the “Songs of Zion” hymnal

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

Prelude

Choral Introit

The Cherub Choir

Greetings

†\*Invocation

Singing God's Praises  
Congregation

The Choir and

†\*Call to Worship

One: We cheer on leaders who say what we want to hear.

**Many: Hosanna, Save Us!**

One: We cheer for justice that calls for life imprisonment and death sentences.

**Many: Hosanna, Save Us!**

One: We cheer on with the crowds that drown out other voices.

**Many: Hosanna, Save us!**

One: We desire to gather with the people welcoming Jesus, but we know all too well we may be the very ones to shout “Crucify Him!”

**Many: Hosanna, Jesus, Save Us!**

One: Come, let us worship our God with singing and palms and praise,  
knowing God loves us and will restore us.

## †\*Prayer of Confession

God of Justice and Mercy, we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment. We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought punishment to ease our pain. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice. Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration. Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing your mercy extends to all of us, your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it. Guide us into living into your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

## God's Good News

One: God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God's love.

Many: **We will go forth knowing we have been forgiven and are restored to God. We will live in the way of Christ!**

## Announcements

## Welcome to our Visitors

\*Passing the Peace #116, SOZ

*"De Gospel*

*Train"*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

## WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



## Children's Message

Response #304, Hymnal

*"Jesus Loves*

*Me"*

## Invitation to the Offering

*Jesus gave himself for the life of the world. With humble hearts bowed in awe,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God*

Offertory

The Cherub Choir

\*Doxology #592, Hymnal  
*Flow*"

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings*

†\*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

†Anthem

The Cherub Choir

†Prayer of Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Mark 11:1-11, p. 823, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

†Sermonic Selection

The Cherub Choir

Message

*"Christ and the Cross"*

The Youth Sunday School

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Song of Affirmation #89, Hymnal

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Prayers of the People

The Prayer Jesus Taught p. 16, Hymnal

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

\*Hymn #77, SOZ  
*King Jesus*"

*"Ride On,*

## The Charge *and* Blessing

Choral Response

Postlude

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| LECTIONARY: PALMS - MARK 11:1-11 OR JOHN 12:12-16; PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29<br>PASSION – ISAIAH 50:4-9; PSALM 31:9-16; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11;<br>MARK 14:1-15:47 OR MARK 15:1-39 (40-47) |
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| <b>Today's Worship Leadership</b> |
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| <b>Liturgist:</b> Deacon Lauren Spriggs and Jaryn Gessesse<br><b>Greeters:</b> Elder Ernest and Mrs. Gloria Harris |
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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING."** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. It is also **PALM SUNDAY**, Day One of our Lord Jesus Christ triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and **Youth Day** here at Northeastern. Last but not least, it is the first opportunity in 2015 to do our **Mission Giving** through One Great Hour of Sharing. As we progress during this day on our spiritual path may we see how Christ within lifts us into new ways of thinking, being and giving. Please use the envelopes found in the pews to do your mission giving today and On Easter Sunday. 1Peter 1:3

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER:** Blue T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are available for purchase now in sizes: large, extra-large, and 2X. If you have not purchased your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts/polo shirts stop by the church office. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee needs your support.

**CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA** begins Thursday, June 18, 2015 and concludes on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Please contact Ernestine Brown for your registration booklet.

**THE 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is seeking those interested in the leadership positions of Trustee and Deacon. If you are able or know someone who is willing to serve, please contact Elder Lisa Slade at 202-726-0874.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will meet at 11:00 a.m., in the Jamison Lounge. The subject of the Book of Exodus is redemption--through the power of God, by means of a deliverer, under the cover of blood. It was written to record the events of Israel's deliverance from slavery in Egypt and contains the Laws that God gave to the Israelites in order to guide them in her relationship with Him. Please join us in studying the Word.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE** is seeking persons interested in serving as liturgist. If interested, please contact Amanda Sargent, 202-832-5377.

**WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERING MEMORIAL LILIES.** Lilies will cost \$13.00 per plant. Orders will be taken in the Livingston Lounge after service. Lilies will be available for pick up after Easter Service on April 5th. Thank you in advance for your support.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**, April 5 at 7 am in the Sanctuary followed by breakfast at 8 am in the auditorium. If you have not already signed up please do so today by completing the yellow slip located in the pews. Your completed slips can be placed in the baskets located in the breezeway and narthex. We look forward to your support.



## THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN

- Mar. 29 **Youth Sunday Morning Worship Service**, 10 a.m.  
**Adult Church School**, 9:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge  
**Young Folk Church School**, 9:00 a.m., Auditorium
- Mar. 30 Prayer Conference Call, 9 p.m.  
Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7300, Access Code: 190784#
- Mar. 31 Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 11:00 a.m., Jamison Lounge  
Noon Day Prayer Service, Chapel
- April 1 **“Broken For You”, Lenten Bible Study**, 7:00 p.m., Jamison Lounge
- April 2 **Maundy Thursday Service**, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium  
Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful  
to nepc1@verizon.net
- April 3 **Good Friday Service**, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- April 5 **Easter Sunrise Service**, 7:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Breakfast following Sunrise Service, Auditorium  
**Easter Sunday Worship Service**, 10:00 a.m.

### NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

As we rely on God’s guidance, the vision of Northeastern Presbyterian Church is to fulfill the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to promote Christian faith and practice through evangelism, outreach, compassion and fellowship to our congregation and the wider Community.

We commit to:

- Worship
- Witness
- Learn
- Grow
- Nurture
- Serve



3-Rosalyn Cephas, 6-Barbara Wright, 11-Carla Ester,  
14-Tonya Vincent, 19-Mary Minor, 20-Jaryn Gessesse,  
27-Clara Rich, 28-Rutha Hodges, 31-Clarence Wade

**If your birthday is not listed contact the church  
office and have your name added to the list.**