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June 28, 2015

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor

Northeastern Presbyterian Church



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We gather to give praise and thanks to the One who has given Christ Jesus, and through him, all things. Our goal is to rejoice in the presence of the Lord before we begin a new week, to support one another in prayer and to challenge one another to live as people of God in our homes, offices, shops, schools and playgrounds. We believe the Christian life is the most rewarding, demanding and fulfilling life possible.

† 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

“Jesus, Jesus, Jesus”

The Celestial Choir

Greetings

†*Invocation

*Singing God’s Praises

The Choir and Congregation

Call to Worship

One: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones
Many: **God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**
One: Where there was no way
Many: **God leads us in a new way**
One: Where there was no mercy
Many: **God surprises us with fresh mercy**
One: Where there was weeping
Many: **God invites us to step into a new dance.**

Prayer of Confession

One: God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change. *(silence)*

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

Many: God have mercy.

One: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Many: Christ have mercy.

One: When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

Many: God have mercy. Amen.

God's Good News

One: God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.

Many: We give thanks for the mercy of God!

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Glynis Pegram-Higgs

Welcome to our Visitors

***Passing the Peace** #333, Hymnal

"Seek Ye First"

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

Deacon Robin Miller

Response #304, Hymnal

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Invitation to the Offering

The freshness of God's mercy and love, the continued generosity of God's gifts to us, call for

thanksgiving and generosity on our part. This church stands because of the faithful generosity of those who came before us, and its ministry grows today because of the hopeful, expectant generosity that lives in us. Let us gather our gifts together, then, and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

Offertory *"I feel Your Spirit"* The Celestial
Choir

*Doxology #592, Hymnal *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole Presbyterian Church (USA) so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

Anthem *"Rivers of Joy"* The Celestial Choir

†Prayer for Illumination

God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, p. 941, Pew Bible

Mark 5:21-43, pp. 816-817, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God!

†Sermonic Selection *"I'm Blessed"* The Celestial
Choir

Message Rev. Nancy Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Song of Affirmation #72, SOZ *"He Touched
Me"*

Presentation of Church School Recognition and Awards

Presentation of Higher Education Awards
Simpson

Mrs. Myrtle

Pastoral Prayer

†The Prayer Jesus Taught, p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

*Hymn #536, Hymnal

"Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction *"He's Been Good to Me"*

Postlude

LECTIONARY: 2SAMUEL 1:1, 17-27; PSALM 30; 2CORINTHIANS8:7-15; MARK 5: 21-43 JOHN 10:11-18
Today's Worship Leadership
Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais Greeters: Mr. Jeffery Carr and Deacon Amanda Sargent



Jaryn Gessesse graduated from Bowie High School and is headed to Catholic University.

Jonathan Towns graduated from St. Joseph College High school and will be attending Morehouse, Atlanta, GA

Simon Gervais graduated from Commonwealth Academy and is headed to Catholic University.

Katrin Jones received Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Political Science.

Biaggi Barber received a Bachelor in Science in Psychology from George Washington University.

Asjah Barber received a JD from George Washington University Law School.

Savannah is entering her Junior year at the University of Vermont, She is majoring in Marketing.

Bria Cuff is entering her Junior year at the Virginia Wesleyan College, in Norfolk Virginia. She is majoring in Mathematics.

Wyman Jones, Jr. is entering his junior year at Morgan State University majoring in Broadcast and Integrated Media with a minor in Music.

Shawn Thomas, Jr. is entering his sophomore year at Montgomery College majoring in Computer Science.

Jamal Jefferson is attending University of Rochester, NY to become a medical doctor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERPRETATION AND STEWARDSHIP (GGC) Let us thank God for all seasons and particularly, the radiance of summer and its events. It is time to take a vacation, but if not, just relax. However, *remember to keep your pledges and offerings up-to-date* the same way you did during our cold, cold winter of 2015. ***July and August*** are the lowest months of revenue for Northeastern. Also, Check your mail in late August for upcoming plans on Stewardship, 2016.

-Ecclesiastes 8:15

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Please join the Tuesday morning Bible study sessions at 11:00 am. We are studying the book of Romans. It is a summary of Christian theology and was written to edify the believers who would receive the letter. Paul explains God's plan of salvation by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

SAVE THE DATE: Put these dates on your calendar! July 13-17,, 2015 is our dates for vacation bible school. The Theme this year is "Shining Star." We are in need of teachers for youth and adult, art music and heritage leaders, assistance with meals, publicity and outreach. You can contact Jennifer Allen 202 462-6511 or 301-254-4808 (Cell) or Jenjie@hotmail. Come Be that Shining Star! Help make our vacation Bible School a success.

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

THE NEPC DEACON BOARD will once again offer CD players to our Sick and Shut in for use with the sermon CDs. If you know someone that is interested please notify any of the Deacons. Also if you would like to donate a CD player or money towards the purchase please contact any of the Deacons.

THIS MONTH @ NORTHEASTERN

- June 28** **Higher Education and Church School Awards 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
- July 2 Thankful Thursday. E-mail your reason to be thankful to nepc1@verizon.net
- July 3 Church office closed