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Usher Recognition Day

The Rev. Nancy E. Thornton, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Shelton B. Waters, Pastor Emeritus

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21TH Sunday after Pentecost
October 21, 2012



Peace to all who enter this place and Welcome! It is a privilege to have you join us for worship. There are many wonderful things happening at Northeastern Presbyterian Church because of so many dedicated and devoted people. You are invited to take part in any of our ministries. If you are looking for a church to call home, please know that we have a place just for you.

****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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

Many:where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

One: Welcome to this place – full of music, of words, of prayer – yet also filled with danger:

Many:where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

One: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

Many:where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

****INVOCATION**

****HYMN OF PRAISE #151, Hymnal
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what You call us to do,

but in hopes of earning points with You. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples. Amen.

****ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

Many: The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with

songs of joy. The One who provides food for all living things, feeds us

with mercies which come fresh and new each day. Thanks be to God,

we are forgiven. Amen.

****PASSING THE PEACE #161, SOZ**

“Certainly, Lord”

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD



CHILDREN’S SERMON

RESPONSE #304, Hymnal (stanza 1)
Me!”

“Jesus Loves

OFFERING

This earth has been given to us by God, our Creator. The gifts of our lives are blessings to be shared. Let us share our gifts as we reflect on the ways in which we can serve and care for others and for this earth.

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

****DOXOLOGY #592, Hymnal**

**** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of glory, we thank You for this season of abundance. We praise You for the gifts of this earth and of our lives. As we return a portion of these gifts, we also dedicate our lives to Your service. Bless our gifts and our service,

that we may glorify You and reflect Your love in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

† **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Chancel Choir

† **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Living God, help us to hear Your Holy Word, that we may truly understand; that understanding, we may believe, and believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking Your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Hebrews 5:1–10, page 973, Pew Bible

**** Mark 10:35–45, pages 823, Pew Bible**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

† **SERMONIC SELECTION**

Chancel

Choir

MESSAGE

“Are You Able?”

Rev. Nancy E. Thornton

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

**** SONG OF AFFIRMATION** Insert
Able?”

“Are You

† **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

† **THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT** p. 16, Hymnal

WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

****HYMN OF INVITATION** # 341, Hymnal
Mine!”

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is

† **PASTORAL PRAYER**

****CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE



**LECTIONARY: JOB 38:1-7 (34-41); PSALM 104:1-9, 24-35C; HEBREW 5:1-10; MARK
10:35-45**

Today's Worship Leadership

Liturgist: Elder Pamela Gessesse

Greeter: Mrs. Elsada Peters and Mrs. Ruby Webb

Church Officers

Church Music Staff

Director, Chancel Choir/Interim Organist	-	Dr. Laddie Bell
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