



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

+ Please stand if able

PRELUDE

INTROIT

+ INVOCATION

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55:1-5)

ONE: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

MANY: **"Come and eat! There's more than enough for all!"**

ONE: To those who are thirsty, he says:

MANY: **"Come and drink! It's free for the taking!"**

ONE: "Stop wasting your money on food that doesn't satisfy.

ALL: **Come to Me, and you will find everything
you need!"**

**+ OPENING HYMN -#487 (Hymnal) "When Morning Gilds the
Skies"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God's healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, you saw the vast crowd and were moved with deep compassion, ensuring their physical and spiritual needs were met. Too often the hurting and the hungry go unseen in our community and around the world. Open our eyes to the suffering. Give us the grace to be an instrument of your provision and use our hands to share your abundant love with others.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away; see everything has become new.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another in love)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

ANTHEM SELECTION

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+ THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at
your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love.
Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention
to see the world through the eyes of your love, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds

to sit down on the grass. **Taking the five loaves** and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and **blessed** and **broke the loaves**, and **gave them to the disciples**, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON “Who All Gonna’ Be There?” Elder Cynthia Gervais

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith, 1977)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history, together with his people’s response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in Unison)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN (insert) “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”



INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy

Friends: This is the joyful feast of all people of God!

**They will come from east and west, from north and south,
and sit at table in God's kingdom.**

This is the Lord's table. Christ invites all who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THE THANKSGIVING

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

God, our Creator, we thank you.

With infinite wisdom, you whispered and waters trembled.

Land crested the deep dark water and light overcame darkness.

You filled the water, air and land with creatures,

That, even today, still hear your whisper.

You set us in families to live in joy and peace.

Not fully trusting you, we broke the rules.

Despite disobedience, you continue to offer grace,
blessing and restoration.

God, our Redeemer, we thank you.

With unconditional love, you sent your son, Jesus,
to live with us; sharing our joy and sorrow.

He told your story, healed the sick,
fed the hungry, and befriended sinners.

For this, Jesus was betrayed and murdered by those he loved.

We praise you that he is not dead but is risen to rule the world.

Still a friend to sinners, we trust him to intercede for us before you.

We look to him for comfort, hope, and strength.

And when your promised kingdom arrives, we will celebrate victory with him.

God, our Sustainer, we thank you.

At Pentecost, the Spirit flowed over the assembly and testimonies were shared. Renewed and transformed, they left that place to share the gospel. Now, we ask you to pour the same Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. So, that we may be renewed and united with the living Christ to be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with you Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

+ CLOSING HYMN - #464 (Hymnal) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION

Go into a world of abundance, with eyes open for the miraculous workings of our God, and as you go, may the blessing of our triune God, creator, redeemer and sustainer, be with you always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Genesis 43:22-31 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Complementary: Isaiah 55:1-5 and Palm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Liturgist: **Pastor Mark Greiner**

Greeter: **Mrs. Gloria Harris**

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
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I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SCHEDULE: The 2nd – 4th Sundays we will be online. If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

MID-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2026 have been sent either by e-mail or 1st class postage. If you do not receive one or have any questions, please call Shirley Wilson on 202 526-8857.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

Book selections for 2026

September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: As another school year approaches, we're excited to support our local students and give them the best possible start. Northeastern Church will be collecting school supplies for Bunker Hill, Thomas Stone, and Brookland Middle. Donations of supplies can be brought to the church now through August 15th, while monetary contributions are welcomed until August 12th. For monetary gifts, please note "school supply drive" in the memo section of your check or CashApp transaction. If you have any questions or need more information, reach out to Jennifer Allen or Katrin Jones. Together, let's empower our students and help them succeed!

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: The list printed in the bulletin will be updated each week to reflect additions and deletions. Reach out to our sick and shut in a safe way that lets them know they are in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Please contact the church office if you know the names of people who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Effective July 1, 2026, "The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026".

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

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Please Keep Dorothy Williams and Family in Prayer.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



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**

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