



**“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***

**QUOTE OF THE DAY** (Maya Angelou)

"Because of the routines we follow, we often forget that life is an ongoing adventure...and the sooner we realize that, the quicker we will be able to treat life as art: to bring all our energies to each encounter, to remain flexible enough to notice and admit when what we expected to happen did not happen. We need to remember that we are created creative and can invent new scenarios as frequently as they are needed."

**PRELUDE**

**+ INTROIT**

**Mrs. Thelma Jones**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP** (AFRICANA WORSHIP BOOK, adapted)

**ONE** We have come together, in this place, to worship God.

Come into God's gates with thanksgiving  
and into God's courts with praise.

We have so many reasons to thank and praise God.

Let the redeemed of God say:

**ALL Thank you God. You have been good!**

**ONE** God has delivered us from addictions, illness, financial problems, homelessness, heartaches, oppression, inner turmoil, and so much more. Let the redeemed of God say:

**ALL Thank you God. You are always good!**

**ONE** We come this morning from the North, the South, the East and the West. The whole Earth and all God's people proclaim:

**ALL God, you are good, and we thank and praise you today.**

**+ OPENING HYMN #469 (Hymnal) "Morning Has Broken"**

### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

The God revealed to us in the pages of scripture is a welcoming and inclusive God who directs us to love one another. We seek to remove all the barriers that keep us from that love. Come now to confess all that separates you from others and from God.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, we rejoice in Your gift of love.

Jesus, thank you for loving us so much.

We praise you, O God, for the people and loving relationships nurturing us.

O God, forgive us when we have not been loving.

Too often we take for granted the people for whom we care most. We even so judge ourselves that we withdraw from the community that encircles us.

Forgive us, O God. Renew within us an affectionate spirit.

Celebrating Your love, give us such hearts to encourage one another with the love of Christ. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is more love in God than there is sin in us.

Rejoice, in our forgiveness & freedom in Christ.

**ALL Thanks be to God.**

### **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**

**Mrs. Thelma Jones**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**THE OFFERING**

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Click on Donate or Cash App at the bottom of the page

**+ 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)**

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so we who share in the gifts of creation, and who are the gifts of creation, now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love and shared in love and gratitude, for You have given us so much. Amen.

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 17:26-27**

From one ancestor God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they

would search for God and perhaps grope for God and find God—though indeed God is not far from each one of us.

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**Mrs. Thelma Jones**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Pastor Greiner**

**THE SECOND READING**

**Acts 10:26-34, 44-48**

But Peter made Cornelius get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.' And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So, when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?'

Cornelius replied, 'Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, "Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea." Therefore, I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.' Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So, he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

**"Pentecost" continued**

## **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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?**

**+ CLOSING HYMN - 369** "I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

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

### **+ BENEDICTION**

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surrounding you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you,  
that you may live in faith,  
abound in hope,  
and grow in love,  
now and forevermore.

### **POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYER ELDER**

**Lectionary:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20

**Liturgist:** **Deacon Penny Thomas**

**Greeter:** **Elder Cynthia Gervais**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** – The Northeastern Church Adult Sunday School Class convenes Sundays at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. The focus for Summer 2026 Lessons is “The Testimony of Faithful Witnesses.” You are cordially invited to join us next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> discussion on “Deborah, A Leader in a National Emergency,” Judges 4:1-24. Please dial **(267) 807-9601 Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in the lively conversations with church members.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** is seeking your help in funding two (2) major repair/replacement projects. The Sanctuary Emergency Exit Door located in the hallway opposite the chancel steps to the breezeway AND the Sanctuary Blower Unit that circulates fresh and cooled/heated air for the sanctuary pew spaces. Until funded we have limited emergency evacuation and no air-conditioning in the sanctuary. The funding needed is \$10,200 for both repair/replacements. If you can kindly designate to the Building Fund Account – Emergency Door/Blower Unit in your giving. Thanks in advance for Your Heart Led Faithful Giving.

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2025**

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

June 7th --- **Rootless: A Novel**, by Krystle Zara Appiah

July 5th ---- **Uncommon favor: Basketball, North Philly...**, by Dawn Staley

August 2nd --- **I Hope You Find What You're Looking For**, by Bsrat Mezghebe

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

**JULY – AUGUST SCHEDULE:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Sundays Communion – in person (on all other 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.

**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:** Please join us via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time for Tuesday Morning Bible Study. We will have in-depth and exciting discussions as we learn more about people in the Bible called by God. Call the church office for the Zoom meeting information.

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

**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**



**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:**



“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed ; save me, and I will be saved, for You are my praise.” (Jeremiah 17:14)

**ATTENTION NORTHEASTERN!**

*It's time for our*

# **ANNUAL HOMELESS SUPPORT DRIVE!**

Sponsored by the Social Concerns and Outreach Committee



Please support our unhoused neighbors and community members that are experiencing food insecurities, shelter issues, and mental health needs.

**We strive to assist our fellow neighbors  
Please feel free to donate items such as:**

**Non-perishable Snacks**

Lunchables  
Dried Fruits  
Nuts  
Fruit Cups  
Water, etc.

**Personal care items**

Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Hand Sanitizer  
Socks  
Blankets

Our drive will conclude  
on **June 7, 2026**

All items can be  
dropped off in the  
Jamison lounge.

For any questions , please contact:  
Bill Hymes, Patricia Young, or any other Social Concerns and Outreach member.  
Thanks for your tremendous support and generosity!

We are supporting  
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**GOD BLESS YOU!**

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All the people of the Church  
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