



**“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**

**The Chancel Choir**

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ONE** Blessed are You, O God, whose righteousness is a mighty Mountain and whose justice endures like the seas:

**ALL We rest our hearts in You!**

**ONE** Blessed are You, O God,  
whose hands cradle the earth and all creatures,  
whose mercy never ends:

**ALL We rest our hearts in You!**

**ONE** Blessed are You, O God, whose enduring love  
pours forth abundance upon abundance -  
who bids us to create beautifully, as You do.

**ALL We rest our hearts in You!**

**ONE** O God-With-Us, Immanuel: You abide with us  
in grief and gratitude, anger and exultation.

**ALL We rest our hearts in You!**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

**Elder James Haggins**

**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**

**The Chancel Choir**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**THE OFFERING**

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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)

God of Pentecost, we rejoice that you breathed forth your Spirit so that all creation could be enlivened. And when You raised your son from death, you empowered him to breathe your Spirit anew, blessing us with forgiveness, compassion, and wisdom.

God of Pentecost, grant that we may live in that Spirit, forgiving those who sin against us, opening our hearts to compassion and understanding, and accepting the grace of wisdom so that we may stand firm in the truth. We give our tithes and offerings as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## **WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

## **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING      Acts 17:15-28, 32-34**

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So, he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Also, some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So, they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What

therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he 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 him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we too are his offspring.”

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

## **SERMON**

## **“Benjamin Banneker’s Bible”**

### **THE APOSTLE’S CREED (unison)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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 #66 (SOZ) "More About Jesus" (vs. 1 & 3)



#### The Lord's Table **INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take  
refuge in God! *Psalm 34.8*

One Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen indeed!**

One Because we are all warmly welcome to this feast:

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, Source of Life, Living Word:

You are creative and self-giving.

Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

You never leave us nor forsake us.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights

when the powers of death have done their worst,

even when we turn away from you, you are with us;

Your presence never fails us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,  
risen to life, to transform us anew.  
With the women at the tomb,  
we raise the strain of gladness.  
Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death!

The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom.  
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,  
and with angels and archangels,  
to proclaim the glory of your name,  
and together we proclaim:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory,  
O God Most High.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,  
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:  
loving what he loved  
living what he taught, and  
seeking to be his faithful servants  
in this now, in each now, in every now.  
In this meal we remember Jesus, living to the fullest.  
In our own flesh, we remember Jesus' love, Jesus' friendship, Jesus'  
teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.  
In sharing this meal, we too embody the great paschal mystery:  
**All Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your  
love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into

this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?**

**+ TRINITY HYMN #138 (Hymnal)**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

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

**BENEDICTION** (Ephesians 3:20-21)

"Now to God

who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to the Power that is at work within us,

to God be glory in the church

and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,

for ever and ever! Amen."

## **POSTLUDE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

**Lectionary:** Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12 Complementary: Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15: Roman 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Liturgist:** **Elder Angela Hemphill**

**Greeter:** **Mrs. Gloria Harris**

**Benjamin Banneker** (1731–1806), born in Baltimore to a free mother and father who had been enslaved. In 1791, he surveyed and mapped the initial boundaries for the new federal capital, which became Washington DC. He was a self-taught surveyor, mathematician, landowner, farmer, astronomer, and author.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> discussion on “Hannah, A Godly Mother,” 1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:1-11, 18-19; 3:1-18. 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.

### **HEALING SERVICE, JUNE 28 AT THE END OF WORSHIP:**

Please come for anointing with oil with personal prayers for healing.

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB** **Book selections for 2026**

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**

## A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you, my Northeastern Family, for the cards, gifts, gorgeous flowers, and most especially the kind words that touched my mother's heart and filled her with wonderful memories of her 98th birthday that she will cherish forever. You have welcomed her into our church family with such kindness and warmth and for that, too, I am eternally grateful.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Pam Gessesse



**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)

## **Staff**

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Director, Pianist, Youth/Cherub Choir  
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All the people of the Church  
Pastor Mark Greiner  
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## **Ministries of Session**

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