



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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

**Northeastern Presbyterian Church  
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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**+ Please stand if able**

WELCOME

**+ INTROIT**

The Chancel Choir

**+ INVOCATION**

**+ CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: Let the people praise you, O God.

**All: Let all the people praise you.**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,

**We confess that we are anxious people.**

**Who denies your blessing and fails to keep your word.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,**

**That we might live in peace and reflect your love**

**In the world, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Let your hearts be still,  
For God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.  
Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

(Please warmly honor social distance.)  
(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

## **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**

Blessed are you, God of all Creation. Through your abundant goodness we have gifts to share. Send us these gifts to build your reign of justice, mercy and peace. Through Jesus Christ, through whom we are Beloved, Amen.

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

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

### **The Conversion of Lydia**

<sup>11</sup> We therefore<sup>[a]</sup> set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed<sup>[b]</sup> there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

### **SERMONIC SELECTION**

**The Chancel Choir**

### **THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Elder Nachee Miller**

Living God,  
You sent your apostle to preach the gospel  
To women gathered by the river,  
In a scheduled place of prayer.  
There a businesswoman named Lydia  
Was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth.  
You opened her heart in love,

And she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Fling wide the doors of our heart this day  
As we hear your word of life,  
That we too may open our lives to serve your world in love.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**John 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

The Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

**Elder Nachee Miller**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

Our Father which 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. <sup>1</sup>And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**+ CLOSING HYMN - #383 (Hymnal)**

**"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

**✚ BENEDICTION**

May the love of God enfold us,  
The wisdom of Jesus enlighten us,  
The flame of the spirit empower us,  
And may the blessing of the triune God rest upon us and abide with us,  
now and evermore, Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

**FELLOWSHIP**

<b>Lectionary:</b>	Acts 17:22-31 and Psalm 66:8-20 or Ezekiel 34:1-7a and Psalm 115: 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Elder Herbert Dixon
<b>Greeter:</b>	Elder Valerie McCray

## “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

3

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.



## **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 Spring 2023 Lessons is “Jesus Calls Us.” You are cordially invited to join in the May 21st discussion on “An Ethiopian Official Baptized,” Acts 8:26-40. Please dial **(267) 807-9601; Passcode 828-160-800** to participate in lively conversations with church members.

**LITERARY BOOK CLUB** - We invite you to join us for our book discussions via Zoom at 1:30 pm in the following months.

June 4th ----**Adulthood Rites**, by Octavia Butler

July 2nd----- **The Davenports**, by Krystal Marquis

**PER CAPITA FOR 2023** is \$47.13.

**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 names of persons who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

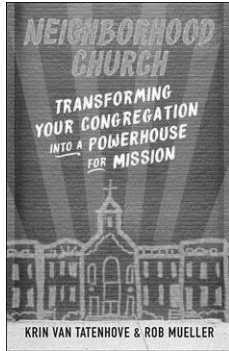
**TAKE A LOOK! THE NEPC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE** invites you to visit the Northeastern website at [nepc-dc.org](http://nepc-dc.org) for the latest Sermon video, Lent Reflections, and a direct link to the Lenten Bible Study. For detailed information, just click the **LEARN MORE** tab on any front-page image that cycles through. Contact Denise Hodges at [d designs1984@hotmail.com](mailto:d designs1984@hotmail.com) for any website information, updates, changes, or edits.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will meet via Zoom at 11:00AM Eastern Time. Please join us for an interesting discussion. The following is the Zoom meeting information.

Meeting ID: **876 4883 0770** (Contact Ruby Webb for the Required Passcode Number)

If you use your phone to dial in to the Tuesday Morning Bible Study meetings, call 1(301)715-8592 if you are calling from the DC area and follow the verbal instructions.

**THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS LITURGISTS:** The Committee is waiting to hear from you. We need volunteers. We need you. Email Elder Pamela Gessesse at [pamelahagans818@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelahagans818@yahoo.com) or Elder Angela Hemphill at [rnahemp@yahoo.com](mailto:rnahemp@yahoo.com) Thank you in advance for stepping up.



**2023 CONGREGATIONAL BOOK STUDY:** Join Pastor Greiner and the Session in reading this book, beginning in June. Order your copy today! You can order the book here, <https://www.wjkbooks.com/Products/0664264786/neighborhood-church.aspx>, (or from your favorite book seller).

May 21 Dialogue Sermon based on Chapter 1 discussing:

“What do you want to learn more about?” “Lord, hear my prayer for Northeastern Church...”

**ZOOM MEETING ID:** The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is:  
Meeting ID: **884 3297 8279**; Passcode: **379224**



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Air, Land & Water Engineering  
10017 Hackberry Lane  
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Re: Administration Building Water Damage Repair

To all Congregants and Tenants

Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) - Section 800.9 - requires the owner/operator of a building where planned asbestos abatement is scheduled, to notify the building's occupants at least 30 calendar days **prior** to the start of any asbestos removal activity.

Beginning May 11, 2023, at Northeastern Presbyterian Church, located at 2112 Varnum Street, NE Washington, DC 20018, certain asbestos containing building components will be removed from the building. The asbestos abatement will occur in the offices, Jamison Lounge, adjoining breezeway, front and rear hallways. The estimated duration of this project is 60-75 calendar days. The asbestos removal contractor listed above is licensed to perform asbestos abatement in compliance with District of Columbia and federal asbestos regulations. A third-party industrial hygiene (IH) contractor, Reed Construction, will monitor abatement activities. The IH will also be responsible for clearing all spaces for re-occupancy.



If you have any questions, please contact Cleveland Reed of Reed Construction at 202.607.0246.

Sincerely,  
*Clarence Shaw*

Clarence Shaw  
Chair, Buildings & Grounds Committee  
Northeastern Presbyterian Church  
2112 Varnum Street NE Washington DC 20018  
202.361.7353

cc: Pastor Mark Greiner

Valerie McCray – Clerk of Session

## 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**



Louise Mikell, Jacqueline Cook, Sylvia Samuel, Joseph Witherspoon, Shirley Wilson, Stacey Brown, Tommy Brown, III, Arlene Leggett and Cynthia Gervais

If your birthday is not listed contact the church office.

**OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE  
WITH NORTHEASTERN  
HOMEBOUND 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)

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Director, Pianist, Celestial Choir

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