

# NOR HEAST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Confirmation Sunday
April 23, 2023

# Welcome to NEUMC!

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE Third Sunday of Easter

SONG "Your Are My All In All" Processional

Verse I

You are my strength When I am weak

You are the treasure

That I seek

You are my all in all Seeking You as a precious jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

Taking my sin

My cross my shame

Rising again I bless Your name

You are my all in all

Verse 2

When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup

You are my all in all

Chorus

lesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

"You Are My All In All" by Dennis Jernigan

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# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

"Lamb's Corner"

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 116:1-4 & 1 Peter 1:17-23

**SONG**, 539

"O Spirit of the Living God"

Verses I & 3

Pastor Antoinette

SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

"Rising from Denial" John 21:1-19

SONG

"Gratitude"

Verse I

All my words fall short I got nothing new

How could I express

All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs

As I often do

But every song must end

And You never do

Bridge

Verse 3

Come on my soul Oh don't you get shy on me

I've got one response

I've got just one move

I will worship You

With my arms stretched wide

Lift up your song

'Cause you've got a lion inside of

those lungs

Get up and praise the Lord

#### Chorus

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again 'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king Except for a heart singing hallelujah Hallelujah

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# SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

# **INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS**

#### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Candidates for confirmation profess for themselves the solemn vows that were made at their baptism.

After addressing confirmands, parents and mentors, the congregation stands, the pastor addresses the congregation:

\*Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.** 

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

\*The Apostles' Creed The Apostles' Creed in threefold question-and-answer form appeared at least as early as the third century as a statement of faith used in baptisms and has been widely used in baptisms ever since.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.]

# THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER, 36-A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Eternal Father:** 

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

# Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

# Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal God, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

#### **CONFIRMATION WITH LAYING OF HANDS**

#### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The pastor addresses those baptized, confirmed, or received:

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

#### SONG

"Blessed Assurance"

#### Verse I

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation the purchase of God
Born of His spirit and I'm washed in His blood

#### Chorus

This is my story this is my song I'm praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song I'm praising my Savior all the day long

# Tag

And He is mine He is mine

# Verse 2

Perfect submission now all is at rest 'Cause I in my Savior I am happy and blessed woah And I'm watching and waiting and I'm looking above 'Cause I'm filled with His goodness And I'm washed in His blood

# **Bridge**

This is my story I'll testify That God is good all the time He saw me and heard my cry Now I am His

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#### CALL FOR OFFERING

### **OFFERING**

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

\*DOXOLOGY, 95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

# HOLY COMMUNION

(Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine. Grape juice and gluten free bread are available in the center.)

# **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

# **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,

all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*SONG "Good God Almighty" Recessional

#### Verse I

I can't count the times

I've called Your name some broken night And You showed up and patched me up

Like You do every time

I get amnesia I forget that You keep coming around

Yeah ain't no way You'll ever let me down

#### Chorus

Good God Almighty I hope You'll find me

Praising Your Name no matter what comes

'Cause I know where I'd be

Without Your mercy

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So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs

"Good God Almighty" by Ben Glover, David Crowder, Jeff Sojka

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## Verse 2

You say Your love goes on forever

That Your mercy never stops

So why would I assume

You'd be somebody that You're not

Like sun in the morning

I know You're gonna be there every day So what on earth could make me be afraid

# **Bridge**

Praise Him in the morning

Praise Him in the noon time

Praise Him when the sun goes down

Love Him in the morning

Love Him in the noon time

Love Him when the sun goes down

# **Bridge**

lesus in the morning

lesus in the noon time

lesus when the sun goes down

Jesus in the morning

lesus in the noon time

Jesus when the sun goes down

\* Please stand as you are able.

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship! We hope your experience at NEUMC was enjoyable and encouraging.

# **MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS**

- **Tracie Glumm,** childhood friend of Nikki Shaffner, who was recently diagnosed with phase 2 brain cancer.
- Jane Scott & family, upon the death of her brother, John.
- Leslie, friend of Melissa & Ira Sansolo, whose wife, Kathy, took her life last Saturday.
- Kathy Danzer, Lorie Beth's sister, who is in the hospital.
- Cathy Cope, great niece of Gil Johnson, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
- Rick Janes, friend of Kathy Madison, who is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.
- Owen Markham, grandson of Larry & Dianne Markham, hospitalized in Colorado from a skiing accident.
- Charlie Henry, for continued strength and recovery.
- Barb & Ed Zuraw, Nikki Shaffner's aunt and uncle, who have had several health challenges recently.
- Gil Johnson, who has a pancreatic stone.
- Mattia Hilmer, who is experiencing cardiovascular issues and pray for her overall health.
- Anita Cook, Mike Cook's mother, who needs prayer.
   Larry Markham, for continued strength and recovery.
- Mother of Lori Beth Wissler, who has had three heart attacks.
- Johnathan Moss, for continued strength and recovery.
- John Lockard, for continued strength and recovery.
- **Ernst Cousin,** brother of Fred Cousin, for continued strength and recovery.
- Our military and first responders.
- Our missionaries:

Tom & Emma Henry: Appalachian Mountain Leadership Matt & Jenny Williams: Athletes in Action Cru Steve & Stephanie Bredesen: Nakalanda, Uganda

Ben & Jenny Reyes

#### HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY

We are a family. As such we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. We also encourage your visits to those who are new to this family of believers and to those whom or that have visited.

Lee Chandler George Eberhardt Sandra Miller

Donna Synder Sabra Stewart

# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team create shawls and other items for you to share with those who need encouragement. When you give a shawl away, you are sharing the love and prayers of NEUMC. The prayer shawls are kept in the Prayer Center if one is needed. Please remember to sign the journal. If you need assistance, please see a staff member. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

# PRAYER REQUEST

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.
I Timothy 2:1
Please write your request(s) here and place this card in the offering plate.
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☐ Pastor Only

Prayer Chain

I would like someone to contact me

to pray over a more confidential matter.

Bulletin



Want to receive our emails or update your mailing choices? Please take a moment to fill out this form with your choices. Place the form in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office.

(NAME)

(EMAIL ADDRESS)

# EMAILS

- ☐ Prayer Concerns (these go out as needs arise - several each week)
- General information and appeals from NEUMC (a few each month)
- Sunday Bulletin

# **ACOLYTE**

Youth

# **COMMUNION PREPARER TODAY**

Karen Evans

# **COMMUNION PREPARER NEXT WEEK**

Elizabeth Chamblee

# **COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY**

Karen Evans, Ira Sansolo & Sharon Shealy

# **COMMUNION SERVERS NEXT WEEK**

Dan & Gaye Christmus & C.J. Miro

# **SCRIPTURE READER TODAY**

Chloe Moss

# SCRIPTURE READER NEXT WEEK

**Bob Shaffner** 

#### PRAYER ROOM TODAY

Dianne Markham

#### PRAYER ROOM NEXT WEEK

Charlie Henry

# There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collect
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: neumc.com/give
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

Scan to Give Online



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**OFFICE HOURS** 

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY

# **United Women of Faith**

The Women of Faith will be baking cookies at the church on April 26 & 27 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on both days to sell at the Spring in the Patch event. If you would like to provide brownies or anything easy to bake you are welcome to bring them to the church. Contact Sylvia Cousin, (803) 629-1482, Delina Johnson, (818) 310-6833 or Jane DeCristofaro, (803) 609-0233 for any questions or additional information.

# **Lunch Invitation**

The Pairs and Spares Sunday School class meets for lunch about one time per month in the Choir Room (Room 102). The class has decided to make this a regularly scheduled event at 11:30 AM on the fourth Thursday of each month and invite everyone in the church to join us. The only agenda item is fellowship. Please bring your own lunch (BYOL) and join the Lunch Bunch on the fourth Thursdays.





# **Overcomers**

Instructor: Brooks Shealy Life of David First & Second Samuel

# Pairs & Spares

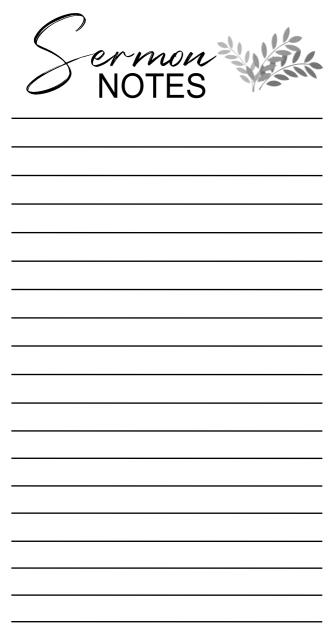
Instructor: Tammie Sloop Help! My Church is Leaving Me! Adapting to a Changing UMC edited by Bill Kemp

# **Older Kids & Youth**

Instructors: Heather Cook & Bianca Brazell Lessons in the Bible

# **Preschool & Young Kids**

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary Anne Lockard & Sharon Shealy Lessons in the Bible



Lectionary
Devotional Readings
for the week of April 23

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Luke 24:13-35

# Rising from Denial

John 21:1-19

I Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[a] It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was lesus. 5 He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. 6 He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.[c] 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." II So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. 14 This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." 16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." 17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19 Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"