

# 10:00 Worship Service August 31, 2025



# Welcome to NEUMC!

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

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

# **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

\***HYMN**, 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Verses 1-3

**Processional** 

## **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.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 185

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Verses 1-4

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** 

"Lamb's Corner"

**OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** 

Psalm 81:10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8

**SONG** "Sanctuary" Sing Twice

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You "Sanctuary" by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs
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### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**Pastor Antoinette** 

"Faith Enough to Wait" Luke 14:1, 7-14

### **NEW MEMBERS CEREMONY**

See Insert

Raul & Stacy Cruz, Karen Johnson & Tina Lipscomb

### **CALL FOR OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING**

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

# \*DOXOLOGY, 95

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.

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

### **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 bray 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.

### THE PEACE

Sharing "peace" with one another is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the teachings of Jesus and practices of the Christian community. It also serves as a way for members to reconcile before receiving Holy Communion. Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. God's peace be with you.

#### **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.

THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL, Book of United Methodist Worship.

### CHARGE

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*HYMN

"Shout to the Lord"

### Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

### Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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### **POSTLUDE**



\* 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.

Please join us for *Cookie Time* fellowship following the service.



# "Faith Enough to Wait" Luke 14:1, 7-14

I One Sabbath, when lesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. 7 When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: 8 "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. 9 If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 10 But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. I I For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." 12 Then lesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



The Church Office will be closed Monday for Labor Day.

Lectionary Devotional Reading for the week of August 31

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14



# THE MOMCQ

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Formerly Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Resuming Tuesday, September 3
9:30 - 1130 AM | Room 102



MomCo (short for Mom Community) is inclusive of all moms... pregnant women, foster moms, and step-moms are welcome!

# **Backpack Food Program Resumes**

September 7, 2025

NEUMC continues to support Sandlapper Elementary School through the Richland Two Backpack Program. The goal is to decrease weekends without adequate nourishment by providing additional foods as a supplement for families. Food items are collected the first Sunday of each month. A collection box is located in the narthex for the items. The congregation is invited to stay after church on September 7 to help assemble the bags and pray for the children receiving them. To view a list of suggested menu items, please visit our website at neumc.com.



Let's learn and grow together!



TIME: 9:00 AM

Overcomers (Room 212) | Wisdom of Proverbs
Pairs & Spares (Room 214) | Enough by Adam Hamilton
Iron Sharpens Iron (Room 208)

Older Kids & Youth (Room 213) | Lessons in the Bible Preschool & Young Kids (Room 206) | Lessons in the Bible



Join Pastor Antoinette and other members of our congregation as they lead a morning devotion and prayer each Wednesday morning. Please encourage friends, family, and others in our community to join this time of devotion and prayer.

Time: 6:00 AM (duration 15-20 minutes)
Dial-in Number: (605) 313-5873
Access Code: 2888884#

Please note, the dial-in number is a conference call line designated for our time of prayer.



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Please scan the QR code to sign up.



# MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

Prayer request cards are located in the card holders on the back of the chairs.

- Mark Grace, friend of Bob Shaffner, as he undergoes treatment for thyroid cancer.
- Jennifer Wargel, who has a torn meniscus.
- Roger Rexroad and his wife Trisha, neighbors of Debbo Lackore and Joyce Sawyer. Roger is hospitalized at Lexington Medical Center with a blood infection and suffers with severe osteoporosis arthritis.
- Marion Crowell, Stephen Crowell's mother, who experienced complications from her pacemaker lead.
- **Doug Miro**, Ryon Miro's father, recovering from a stroke.
- Jean, co-worker of Karen Evans, who has been diagnosed with uterine serous carcinoma, a rare and aggressive cancer. Pray for her family and her doctors to determine the best treatment plan.
- **Ken Harling,** brother of Debbo Lackore, who has kidney failure. Also, pray for his daughter and caregiver, Alicia Harling.
- Fred Cousin, recovering from back surgery.
- Bob Shaffner, in his job search.
- Brooks Shealy, pray for his overall health.
- Wendell Cherubin, pray for his overall health.
- Tammie Sloop, pray for her overall health.
- Bethany Shoup, wife of Matthew Shoup, who has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Liz Hetzler, Forrest Horn's sister, who is suffering with dementia.
- Gary Hartman, treatment of peripheral neuropathy in both feet and chronic arthritis in both ankles.
- Marion Crowell, Stephen Crowell's mother, for continued strength and recovery.
- Those going through cancer treatment: John Lockard, Jim Wheeler & Donna Purvis
- Mattia Hilmer, pray for her overall health.
- Our military and first responders.
- Our missionaries:

Matt & Jenny Williams: Athletes in Action Cru Steve & Stephanie Bredesen: Nakalanda, Uganda

**Ben & Jenny Reyes** 

# **HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY**

We are a family and we encourage anyone who feels led by God to visit those who are sick or homebound. Following are our homebound: George Eberhardt Sandra Miller 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. Prayer Shawl Ministry Team

### **ACOLYTE**

Youth	
TODAY	NEXT WEEK
LAY LEADER	LAY LEADER
Stephen Crowell	Jane Scott
COMMUNION PREPARER	COMMUNION PREPARER
Danna Griner	Diane Horn
COMMUNION SERVERS	COMMUNION SERVERS

Dan & Gaye Christmus & Danna Griner

**SCRIPTURE READER** 

**Bob Shaffner** 

**DESIGNATED FRIENDS** 

Melanie Hafner & Jane DeCristofaro

**GREETERS** 

Jane DeCristofaro & Chastity Cherubin

**PRAYER WARRIOR** 

Ann Henry

**OFFERING COUNTERS** 

Stephen Crowell & Larry Griner

Charlie & Ann Henry & Diane Horn

SCRIPTURE READER

Walker Rosier

**DESIGNATED FRIENDS** 

Charlie & Ann Henry

**GREETERS** 

Charlie & Ann Henry

PRAYER WARRIOR

Jane DeCristofaro

**OFFERING COUNTERS** 

Tom DeCristofaro & George Evans

# There are 4 ways to give:

- (1) as offering is collected
- (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

# **New Members Ceremony**

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present who come seeking professing membership of Northeast United Methodist Church.

### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

# The pastor addresses the candidate(s):

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

# The pastor addresses the congregation:

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these members 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.

### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# *The pastor addresses the candidate(s):*

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

## RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries by
your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Certificate of membership is presented to new member(s).

## 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.

# Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brothers and sisters in Christ!

# **BLESSING PRAYER**

# Small Group Studies

# What "Would You Rather?"

The "Would You Rather" game is a remarkable way to learn more about others, regardless of how well you know them. These prompts have a knack for unearthing unexpected opinions and preferences, sparking lively and revealing conversations.

# **Discussion Options for Small Groups**

Consider which topic you would rather discuss in a small group setting:

- A book of the Bible
- Financial guidance
- John Wesley and the concept of Grace
- Time selection: *Would you rather* meet in the morning or in the evening?

Please let us know your preferences. Also, we're open to your suggestions for other study topics/interests. It is our intent to begin studies in October.

Contact person: Jane DeCristofaro Small Group Coordinator northeast@neumc.com