



10:00 Worship Service  
September 21, 2025



**Welcome to NEUMC!**

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

**Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known**

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**\*HYMN, 438**

*"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"*  
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, 375**

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*  
Verses 1-3

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*"Lamb's Corner"*

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 79:1-9  
I Timothy 2:1-7

#### 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

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#### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

*"Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church"*  
Luke 15:1-10

#### CALL FOR OFFERING

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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 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.**

## 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.**

## CHARGE

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*HYMN

*"Graves Into Gardens"*

#### Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

#### Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

#### Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

#### Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can

#### Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

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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.

# Sermon NOTES



## “Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church”

Luke 15:1-10

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. 8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Lectionary Devotional  
Reading for the week  
of September 21

Jeremiah 8:8-9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

## BLESSING BOX AMAZON WISH LIST

Order items for the Blessing Box through Amazon. These are just suggested items and it is an easy way to support the Blessing Box by having items shipped directly to NEUMC. We will continue to gladly accept donations in the narthex as well. Thanks for all your support in this ministry to our community!



Scan the QR Code to  
view the list of items  
or to place an order.



Let's learn and  
grow together!

*Sunday*  
**SCHOOL**  
**TIME: 9:00 AM**

**Overcomers (Room 212) | Living Into God's Promises**

**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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## MINISTRY AND PRAYER NEEDS

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

- **Peyton Henry**, Charlie Henry's sister, for overall health recovery after suffering a heart attack and blood clot in her lung.
- **Ed Zuraw**, Nikki Shaffner's uncle, who is hospitalized with health complications.
- **Wanda Chandler**, Bianca Brazell's mother, who is recovering from surgery.
- **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.
- **Brooks Shealy**, pray for his overall health.
- **Wendell Cherubin**, pray for his overall health.
- **Tammie Sloop**, pray for her overall health.
- **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.
- **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

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TODAY	NEXT WEEK
<b>LAY LEADER</b>	<b>LAY LEADER</b>
Stephen Crowell	Jane Scott
<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b>	<b>COMMUNION PREPARER</b>
Elizabeth Chamblee	Nikki Shaffner
<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>	<b>COMMUNION SERVERS</b>
Elizabeth Chamblee, Leena Crentsil & Debbo Lackore	Nikki Shaffner, CJ Miro & Pat Christiansen
<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE READER</b>
CJ Miro	Karen Evans
<b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b>	<b>DESIGNATED FRIENDS</b>
Heather Cook & Pat Hoesly	Forrest & Diane Horn
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>
Don & Janice Starner	Forrest & Diane Horn
<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b>	<b>PRAYER WARRIOR</b>
Tammie Sloop	Dianne Markham
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>	<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>
Duane Scott & Mary Mason	Jane DeCristofaro & Dan Christmus

### 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](http://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



# Small Group Studies

## Five Means of Grace: Experience God's Love the Wesleyan Way

By Elaine A. Heath

Facilitator – Diane Horn

Beginning October 2, 2025

Meeting: Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Also Meeting: Thursdays at 6:30 PM

This study guides readers through the five means of grace that John Wesley called “instituted,” meaning these are spiritual practices in which Jesus himself participated and which he encouraged his followers to do.

Participants will consider how each of the five means of grace help us as communities of faith to pray more deeply and live more missionally as followers of Jesus Christ. These five means are:

1. Prayer
2. Searching Scripture
3. Receiving the Lord's Supper
4. Fasting
5. Conferencing (communion, fellowship)

# How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith

By Michael Carpenter

Facilitator: Jane Scott

Beginning October 7, 2025

Meeting Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

This is a seven-week study.

Discover how the ancient Nicene Creed can transform your spiritual journey in Michael Carpenter's empowering book, *We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith*. Personal anecdotes and practical insights guide you to a profound connection with God. Dive into six chapters, covering the Nicene Creed sequentially, that unpack the essence of it, enriching reader's faith and deepening their understanding of Christian beliefs.



Signup sheets are located in the narthex.

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