

**NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP - April 19, 2020 -
1st Sunday After Lent, also known as Renewal Sunday**

Let It Begin With You... Worship by Amanda Zbacnik

CHECKING IN

Where do you...see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

KINGDOM TIME –SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES

Verse: Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. -Isaiah 40:31

Kingdom Time Story ~

Kingdom Time Prayer: Dear God, I should never give up. You will give me new strength to fly high on eagles' wings! Amen

RESPONSIVE GREETING

L: O God, our Covenant Friend, you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

P: We praise your holy name, O God.

L: You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled with your glory. You have comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.

P: We praise your holy name, O God.

L: You have filled our hearts with a hunger after you, and have given us your peace. You have been our light in darkness and rock of strength in adversity and temptation.

P: We praise your holy name, O God.

L: You remembered us when we forgot you. You followed us even when we tried to flee from you. You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you. For all your patience and overflowing grace.

P: We praise your holy name, O God.

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Glorify His Name” vs. 1,2,3

- 1) Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
- 2) Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify they name, glorify they name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
- 3) Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify they name, glorify they name, glorify they name in all the earth.

GATHERING UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy for our foolish and careless use of the gifts of your creation. Christ, have mercy for our indifference to the needs of others, our brothers and sisters for whom you died. Help us live as your people who have had your love poured into our hearts through your Holy Spirit. Help us live as forgiven people, freed from sin, freed to live for our God; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN – “Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver”(sing twice)

Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you. (repeat)

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 121

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?

P: My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: The Lord will not let your foot be moved, and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep

P: Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

L: It is the Lord who watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand

P: so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night

L: The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; the Lord shall keep you safe

P: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

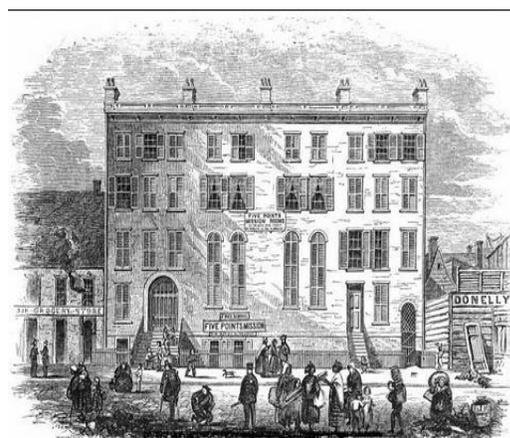
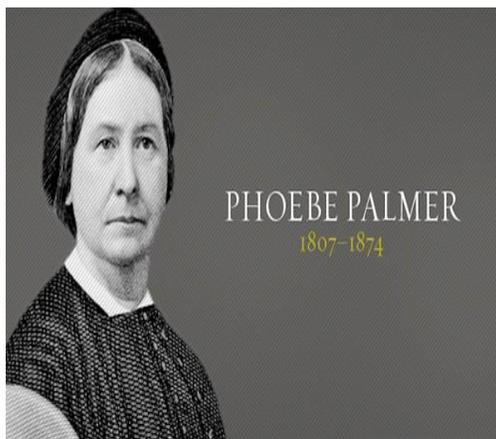
PHILLIPIANS 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your grace and enter into covenant with you, let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being. Prepare our hearts for today and renew in us a spirit of peace, through listening to your holy word. Amen.

MESSAGE – “Phoebe Palmer-United Methodist...A Lot Began With This Woman”



5 Point Mission House

If Phoebe were still with us, she might say...(for our quiet reflection)

Despite the situation, there are things we can do as:

Praying: Has Not Been Cancelled

Fasting: Has Not Been Cancelled

Bible Study: Has Not Been Cancelled

Witnessing: Has Not Been Cancelled

Giving: Has Not Been Cancelled

Faith: Has Not Been Cancelled

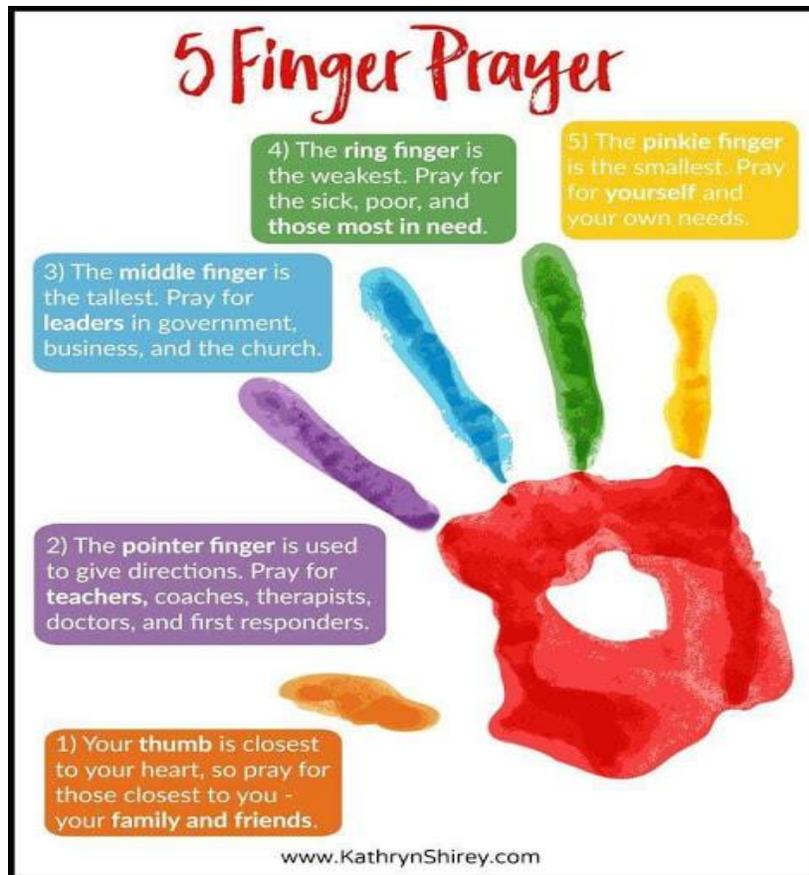
Courage: Has Not Been Cancelled

Jesus! He's Still on the Throne

HYMN OF RESPONSE - "Lord, Be Glorified" vs. 1,2,3,4

- 1) In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2) In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3) In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4) In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER



INVITATION TO GIVE OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings to:

Northwood UMC

P.O. Box 295, Esko, MN 55733

Norton Park UMC

436 N. 79th Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55807

Asbury UMC

6822 Grand Avenue, Duluth, MN 55807

Doxology - "Give Thanks"

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son (repeat). And now let the weak say, "I am strong" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH HYMN - "Father I Adore You" vs. 1,2,3

- 1) Father, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
- 2) Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.
- 3) Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.



Shalom

Thank you to Amanda Zbacnik for leading worship this morning.

Amanda works in the field of special education. She has teaching experience in K-12 schools and, currently, works in higher education as an instructor who prepares aspiring special education teachers.

As a previous special educator, she worked with individuals in multiple disability categories: Intellectual Disabilities, Other Health Impairments, Emotional Behavioral Disorders, Specific Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Multiple Disabilities. As a high school special educator, Amanda focused on transition for students with special needs and collaboration with multiple stakeholders (therapists, paraprofessionals, and community transition agencies).

Dr. Zbacnik volunteers in equine assisted therapeutic activities, is involved with Wisconsin's Council for Exceptional Children, and just had a co-authored book, "Educators for Diverse Classrooms: A Case Study Approach to Equity and Inclusion in Education" published.

She lives in Esko, MN with her husband Tom, and sons, Brody and Maddux. Amanda is currently taking courses at St. Paul School of Theology and Luther Seminary, where she is studying to become a deacon. As a future, ordained deacon, she hopes to share love and hope with women and children who have experienced abuse, interact with the elderly in assisted living homes, and/or provide care to individuals faced with the challenge of mental illness.