

## **NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – March 29, 2020**

**Scripture of the Week** – John 8b:-9 “Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”<sup>9</sup> “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

### **WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

### **CHECKING IN**

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

### **KINGDOM TIME**

#### **GREETING & PRAISE HYMN**

Responsive Greeting

**L:** In this season of Lent, a time of preparation,

**P:** **God calls us to gather to worship, to pray to sing, to listen for God's voice.**

**L:** As we walk with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem,

**P:** **we see looming before us a cross, a shadow on the horizon.**

**L:** We gather as fellow travelers to the city, the cross, and what lies beyond.

**P:** **God has called us together, and so we worship, we pray, we sing, we listen.**

#### **OPENING PRAYERS & PRAISE**

##### **Gathering Unison Prayer**

This is love.

That you spoke words of comfort,  
walked with the unclean and unloved,  
shared wisdom, bread and wine,  
brought healing into lives  
and challenged the status quo.

This is love.

That you spoke the word of God,  
walked a painful road to the Cross,  
shared living water, bread of life,  
brought Salvation to the world  
and died for the sake of all.

This is love.

It is a seed sown in the ground,  
which germinates, blossoms,  
and spreads its sweet perfume. AMEN.

##### **Hymn – “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” UMH #273 vs. 1,2**

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

### **Responsive Call to Worship –**

L: In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross,

**P: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

L: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

**P: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity.**

L: So we may make our journey, and let us worship God.

### **HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#### **Scripture Lesson John 13:5-9 - Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet**

<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

#### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message – "The First Dinner: Risking the Loss of Friends"**

### **RESPOND IN FAITH**

**Hymn – "Jesu, Jesu" UMH #432 vs. 1,2,3,4**

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who pours out himself for them. [Refrain]

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
Neighbors are black and white,  
Neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]

**Prayers of the People/Invitation for Personal Reflection & Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/ /Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love, and Our Gifts**

**Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings – Mail your offering to:**

**Northwood UMC, P.O. Box 295. Esko, MN 55733**

**Doxology -CH #814**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebrating Congregation Life – Announcements**

**GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**Sending Forth Hymn – “Go Now in Peace”**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**Benediction**

**Dismissal**