

NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – May 10, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Scripture of the Week – 1 Peter 2:4-5

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Welcome

CHECKING IN

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

KINGDOM TIME

Gathering Unison Prayer

We gather this day, O Lord, as people who seek your guiding love. Open our hearts and make us ready to stand firm in the faith that leads to loving service. Create a new people in this spiritual place so your love may surround all who find themselves here. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Hymn – “The Church's One Foundation” UMH #545 vs 1.2

Responsive Call to Worship –

L: Even though Jesus was rejected by some people, you are invited to come to him in trust and hope.

P: Lord, guide us and give us courageous faith.

L: For he is the cornerstone, and this church will stand faithfully as a house of praise and service because of his love.

P: We are not afraid. We are given a mandate to serve with joy and peace. AMEN.

Ministries Matter

Scripture Lessons –

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.^[a]

I Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him^[b] will not be put to shame."

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,^[c] in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Prayer of Illumination

Message – "Rock and Roll Part II"

***Hymn – "In Christ Alone" Worship & Song #3105 vs. 1,4**

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

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

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings:

Please 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

Announcements

Benediction/Dismissal