

## **NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – May 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**

### **Scripture of the Week – John 14: 21**

<sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

### **Welcome**

### **CHECKING IN**

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

### **KINGDOM TIME**

#### **Call to worship +**

L: The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

**P: It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.**

L: Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship

**P: Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.**

L: Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

**A: Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives. AMEN.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed us. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

#### **Hymn How Great Thou Art UMH #77 vs. 1, 2, 3**

#### **Scholarship Award Presentation**

#### **Special Music**

“Wonderful World/We Are the World” music performed by Phyllis Kruell, video by Ted Plys

#### **Scripture Lessons -**

##### **Acts 17:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor<sup>[a]</sup> he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God<sup>[b]</sup> and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he

will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## **John 14:15-21**

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep<sup>[a]</sup> my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,<sup>[b]</sup> to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in<sup>[c]</sup> you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Message - “Life on Mars”**

#### **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 -**

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

#### **Prayers of the People and the 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GO FORTH TO SERVE**

#### **Benediction/Dismissal**

Shalom

Shalom to you now. Shalom my friends.

May God's full mercies, bless you my friends.

In all your living, and through your loving,

Christ be your Shalom. Christ be your Shalom.