

## **NORTHWOOD UMC ONLINE WORSHIP – July 26, 2020**

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK – Matthew 13: 31-32**

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### **WELCOME/CHECKING IN**

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

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP –**

L: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

**P: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.**

L: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

**P: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.**

L: God’s transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

**A: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. AMEN.**

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### **GATHERING UNISON PRAYER**

Lord, our God,  
where is there another God like You—  
a God of justice and unfailing love,  
who stands by every promise made to His people,  
generation after generation?  
There is no other.  
You alone are God.

And so we gather together to worship You:  
to give You thanks,  
to proclaim Your greatness,  
to sing Your praise,  
to seek Your face,  
and to celebrate Your faithful presence with us.

We pray that Your Spirit would guide and inspire our worship.  
Open our mouths to sing and speak Your praise,  
open our ears to hear Your Word,  
open our eyes to see You at work among us,  
open our hearts to receive Your love.

We offer ourselves to You, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord.

**AMEN.**

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### **KINGDOM TIME**

**HYMN – “Open Our Eyes, Lord FWS #2086 (Sing Twice)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC – “On Eagles Wings” Amanda Zbacnik, Northwood UMC**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### **Psalms 105:1-11, 45b**

#### **God’s Faithfulness to Israel**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.
- <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham,<sup>[a]</sup>  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- <sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.
- <sup>8</sup> He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
- <sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,
- <sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
- <sup>11</sup> saying, “To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance.”
- <sup>45 b</sup> Praise the LORD!

### **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

#### **The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

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#### **The Parable of the Yeast**

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with<sup>[a]</sup> three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

#### **Three Parables**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

#### **MESSAGE- “Not What You Think”**

#### **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 – “Give Thanks” FWS #2036**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – UMH #887**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

#### **HYMN – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140 vs. 1,2,3**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION/DISMISSAL**

#### **The Trees of the Field” FWS #2279**