



September 17th, 2023, 9:00 am 16th Sunday after Pentecost

worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in the red (**ELW**) and purple (**ACS**) hymnals. If you are a visitor, please sign the red worship pad found in the pew. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please stay and enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

about the readings:

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Prelude, as the first act of worship, is a time for people to become quiet and focus their hearts and minds for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to transition their busy lives into a sacred space of communion with God and neighbor.

Arabesque on "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

(from "Sunday Morning Organist, Vol. 5")
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WELCOME+ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *(silence for reflection)*
Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" ELW#865

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison
(From St. Peter's Liturgy)
by Mary Kay Bougie, ©2020

Musical score for Kyrie eleison in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a half note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics "Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Lord have mer-cy." are written below the first staff. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a half note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics "le-i-son, Christ have mer-cy." are written below the second staff. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a half note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a half note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics "le-son, Lord have mer-cy." are written below the third staff.

HYMN OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons (ACS#1097)
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.**
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Ann

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" ELW#172
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GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Before: **Glory to you, O Lord** *After:* **Praise to you, O Christ**

MESSAGE

Pastor David Weeks

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rise, Shine, You People!" ELW #665

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

"I Say 'Yes', Lord" Pg. 6
Donna Peña

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- All are invited and welcome to participate in Communion.
- Communicants should approach the altar down the center aisle, and return by the side aisles. Ushers will guide you.
- Non-alcoholic juice is available. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.
- Please notify the ushers if you would like Communion from your seat.

COMMUNION SONGS

“Let Us Break Bread Together” ELW#471
“Welcome Table” (see below, or ACS#969)

Text: African American Spiritual

- 1

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table,
some of these days.
- 2

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey,
some of these days.
- 3

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, **for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” ELW#857

SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Toccata for a Joyful Day”
(from "Praise! Eight Pieces for Organ")
by Emma Lou Diemer. ©1995 Sacred Music Press.

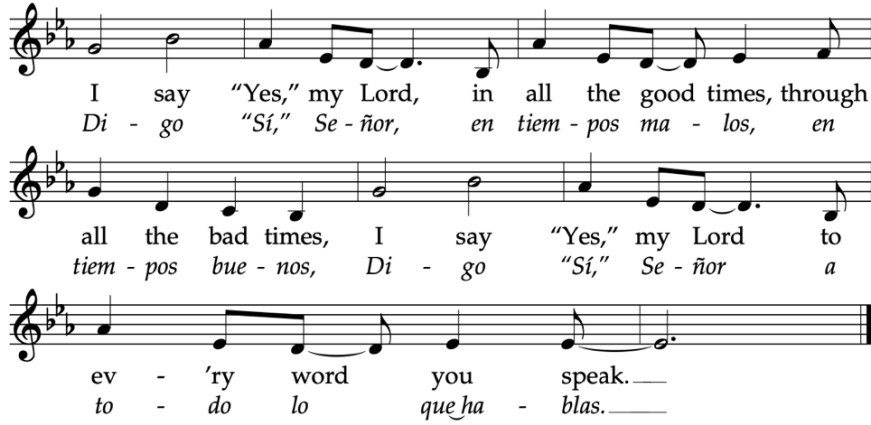
_CHOIR ANTHEM, I SAY “YES”, LORD

(congregation echoes after each line of each verse, “I say ‘Yes,’ my Lord”)

Verse 1

To the God who cannot die: I say “Yes,” my Lord
To the One who hears me cry: I say “Yes,” my Lord
To the God of the oppressed: I say “Yes,” my Lord
To the God of all justice: I say “Yes,” my Lord

Chorus, congregation please join in singing:



The musical notation is for a three-part setting of the chorus. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'I say "Yes," my Lord, in all the good times, through Di - go "Si," Se - ñor, en tiem - pos ma - los, en all the bad times, I say "Yes," my Lord to tiem - pos bue - nos, Di - go "Si," Se - ñor a ev - 'ry word you speak. to - do lo que ha - blas.'

Verse 2

I am a servant of the Lord: I say “Yes,” my Lord
I’m a worker in the fields: I say “Yes,” my Lord
I’m a prisoner of their wars: I say “Yes,” my Lord
Like a politician, inevitably: I say “Yes,” my Lord (chorus)

Verse 3

For the dream I have today: I say “Yes,” my Lord
To be a healer of all pain: I say “Yes,” my Lord
To come to love my enemies: I say “Yes,” my Lord
For your peace in all the world: I say “Yes,” my Lord (chorus)

Verse 4

Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say “Yes,” my Lord
Like that of Mary wholeheartedly: I say “Yes,” my Lord
Like that of David in a song: I say “Yes,” my Lord
Like Israel, for you I long: I say “Yes,” my Lord (chorus)

Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Marilyn F., Lyle G., Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Jo O., Ginny P., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char)

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Today’s Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Roberta Bonrud

Ushers: Phil + JoAnne Olson

Communion Servers: Carmen Sevick + Phil Olson + Beth Vivant

Hospitality: Dennis + Janet Hahn

Organist: Richard Collman

Special Music: Worship Choir

Live Stream: Megan Culhane

Would you like to follow along with today’s readings?

For today’s lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone’s camera:



Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter’s. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



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Announcements

Sunday School Classroom Teacher Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School classroom teacher volunteers for the upcoming school year. All lesson materials will be provided. Miss Ann will lead the Large Group Opening at the beginning of the hour followed by music w/Miss Zoe and then classroom time.

There will be a training session on Wednesday, September 20th from 7-7:30pm in the Sunday School Large Gathering Room. Come learn how easy and rewarding it is to share God's love with children! Contact Miss Ann at carianstrauch@northfieldstp.org

Sign up to be a Sunday School Teacher through the QR code.



Sunday School Helpers Wanted!

Do you like working with young children and is looking for ways to volunteer at church? We're looking for helpers for our Sunday School teacher volunteers in the classrooms this school year. The teachers will be leading age-specific lesson plans including discussions and activities in our Pre K-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5 classrooms following the Large Group Opening and music class. Helpers will be there to assist the teachers and to help the young children, as needed.

Sign up to be a Sunday School Helper through the QR code.



Time + Talent Forms

For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.... Jesus God has blessed each of us with gifts. Together, we are the Body of Christ, called to serve the world. Time & Talent forms for the 2023-2024 year are now available. We invite you to take a step of faith and indicate how you want to share your God-given gifts here at St. Peter's and beyond. We value and appreciate all gifts and offerings. There are no gifts so small that God cannot bless and use them. Forms are available at the welcome desk to fill out. An online form is available as well on the website homepage or through St. Peter’s weekly emails.

Wednesday Night Worship + Confirmation

Wednesday night worship services and confirmation start Wednesday, September 20th. **Worship will begin at 6:30pm this year.** All confirmation students and their families are asked to join us for worship. Confirmation class will follow worship and end at 7:30pm.

UN International Day of Peace

Celebrate Northfield's 2023 UN International Day of Peace, September 21, 5-7 pm in Central Park! Come for the music, art-making, yoga, juggling, dance – activities for all ages! A short program will begin at 5:45 with keynote remarks by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, performances by the Northfield Dance Academy, the Justice Choir, and more. Food truck vouchers for the first 170 students (with ID). Over 30 groups will bring their vision for peace and invite you to become involved!

