

Normandy Park United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship and Annual Meeting ~ September 10, 2023

***Bolded text** is read and sung in unison
* indicates to please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WORDS OF GATHERING (*Inspired by Psalm 149*)

Let our praise today be made new.

**May we sing a new song, pray a new prayer,
Dance a new dance, and speak and hear a new word.**

Let the faithful delight in the Holy One's marvelous acts

From the seats in the sanctuary to the couches in our homes.

Let us glorify God with our voices, the work of our lives,

And the joy of our souls.

Glory to God! Praise the Holy One!

***SONG** ~ *"Surely the Presence"* (x2)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings.

I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

A NEW CREED ~ *from the United Church of Canada, 1980*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
 crucified and risen,
 our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

SONG ~ *"Make Me A Servant"

Make Me a Servant

♩=90

G Em7(4) Am7(4) D7sus D7 Am7(4)

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me

D7sus D7 C/G G C6/G G B7(b9) Em Em/D

lift up those who are weak, and may the prayer of my

Em/C# Cm6 G/D D7sus G/D D7sus

heart al - ways be: make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

G/D D7sus C/D

make me a ser - vant to - day.

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Repeat Ending | Song Ending

G G Am7/G G

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY

Romans 13:8-14 (The Message)

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*. But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

MESSAGE ~ *"Awake to What God is Doing"*

SLIDESHOW OF NPUCC'S YEAR IN REVIEW

***SONG ~ "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"**



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Alice, Madison's grandmother
- The family of Clay S., Wenden's friend
- Erin's mother-in-law
- The family of Gloria J.
- Ida and John, Nancy S.'s sister and brother-in-law
- Jon C.
- Judi, Connie's friend
- Judy H., Nancy B.'s friend
- Marilyn, Mack's friend
- Megan
- The family of Michael, Cindy's friend
- Patty Ann, Judy J.'s cousin
- Randy, Belinda's brother
- Sue B.
- Terry, Wenden and Bob's friend
- The Vaughan family
- The family of Wes, Judy J.'s friend
- Yoko S.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (or Our Mother, or 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin 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.

AMEN (x5)

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Proposed NPUCC By-Law Change
4. Moderator Reflection
5. Committee Reports
6. Proposed 2023-2024 Committee Chairs/Church Council Officers
7. Call for Other Business
8. Adjournment

Current NPUCC By-Laws

Section 5 Voting

All business may be voted on in the manner prescribed by the members present at the meeting. All business of the Church, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, may be decided by a simple majority vote, a quorum being present. Unless restricted by law, each member of the

Church shall be entitled to one vote. Proxy voting shall be allowed, though in order to be counted all ballots must be delivered to the Clerk (or his or her designee) by the time of the meeting.

Section 1 Regular meeting

Church members shall meet regularly as a gathered faith community to listen for and discern the will of God at NPUCC. The Church members shall meet at least once each year. The purpose of regular meetings is to receive the yearly reports of the Minister, all officers, committees, and organizations of the church; to elect officers; to transact business; to approve, revise, or reject a proposed budget; to engage in visioning and planning for the future of the Church; and other business as may be necessary.

Proposed By-Law Change

Rational: To allow members to participate fully in the life of church through remote communication and hybrid attendance and voting at meetings of the congregation. To amend the bylaws Section VI section 1 and section 5 to allow members to fully participate in the life of the church by means of hybrid attendance and voting at congregational meetings.

Change Section 5 to state:

Voting may occur online through remote communication or in person, or by proxy or via email under extenuating circumstances as specified by the Church Council and in accordance with Washington State Law.

Change Section 1 to state:

These meetings may take place using an in person, hybrid or completely online model as needs determine.

PROPOSED 2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS/CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Nancy Knudsen

Moderator

Stacie Latimer

Vice-Moderator

Sue Janke	Clerk
Vicki Nichols	Budget and Finance Chair
Lynn Zachow	Christian Education Chair
Lori Comen	Facilities Chair
Alice McGregor	Parish Care and Outreach Chair
Connie Clark	Worship Chair

***SONG** ~ *“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”* NCH #181

***BLESSING** (*said in unison, facing one another*)

**May we go from this gathering
Strengthened in love,
Encouraged by hope,
Pursuing and speaking God’s peace,
And being good news in the world.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens

Ministers: Every One of Us

Music Accompanist and Choir Director: Cindy Dow

Deacons of the Month: Mark H. and Gaddy P.

Lay Leader: Mark H.

Greeter: Gaddy P.

Usher: Nancy K.

Flowers: Kirsten P.

Technology: Vicki N.

Sunday School: Jill T. and Cathy B.

Coffee Hour: Dorine S.

Worship Credits:

Sermon @ Rev. Amy Hitchens, 2023.

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