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*Northbrook Presbyterian Church*

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August 12, 2018



*We are glad you're here and thankful for the opportunity to worship with you and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to be an open, rational and compassionate people, learning each week what it means to live the love of Jesus Christ in worship and work, in word and deed. "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~ John 13:35*

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I. RECOGNIZING INHERENT GOODNESS

*We are invited to celebrate! The pulse of creation is singing the goodness of God and God's gift of goodness in all things. We become more aware of the beauty of all that is and tap into gratitude as our first task in creating more goodness in the world.*

GATHERING AND WELCOMING

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

God is good!

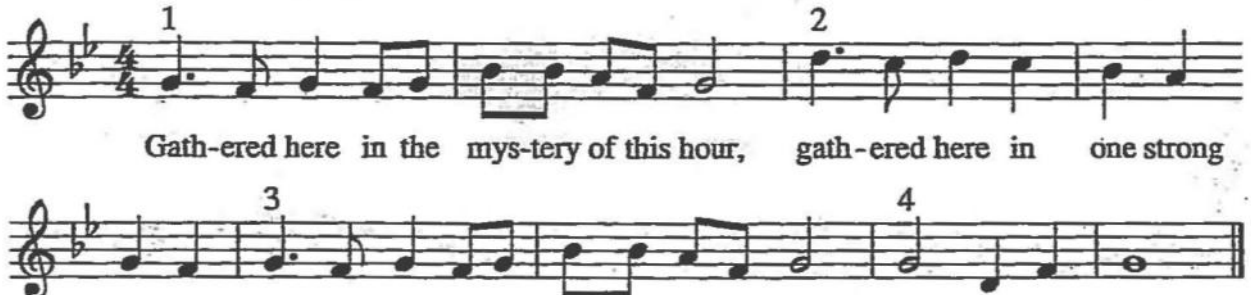
**All the time!**

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**God is good!**

\* EXPANDING OUR ATTENTION 360°

*Text and music: Phil Porter, 1990*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the first two measures of the melody, with a '1' above the first measure and a '2' above the second measure. The second staff contains the next two measures, with a '3' above the first measure and a '4' above the second measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong  
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-ple and the power, Spir - it draw near.

And all God's people said:

**Amen!**

\* PRAISING 14—*For the Beauty of Earth*

Hymnal

PRAYING

II. BEFRIENDING THE DARK PLACES

*We come with open hearts where pain coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve, to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, and to let go of those fears that can sometimes distort our vision.*

LISTENING : 472—*Kumbaya (to be sung one verse at a time, as directed)*

Hymnal

ARAMAIC LORD'S PRAYER

Translation by Douglas Klotz

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us—make it useful:**

**Create your reign of unity now, your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.**

**Grant us what we need each day in bread and insight: Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's guilt.**

**Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back.**

**From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews.**

**I affirm this with my whole being.**

**Truly power to these statements—may they be the ground from which all my actions grow. Amen.**

III. EXCLAIMING THE DIVINE CREATIVE

*We enter into the space to explore how God is working in and through us and all the universe to renew each day every direction. Each moment offers opportunity to express our God-gifted creativity. We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work and encourage us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.*

BRINGING WORDS TO LIFE—*Genesis 1:1-2:4 (adapted from The Message)*

...This is a Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

All creation is a word of God. **All creation speaks volumes of God.**

MEDITATION—*What a Wonderful World*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC—*What a Wonderful World*

Louis Armstrong

#### IV. EMBODYING COMPASSION AND POWER

*We are fed and led out into the world. We pray for movement within our own hearts to embody peace and passion—compassion and power—on behalf of spreading goodness throughout the week. We are not at the mercy of the “way it is,” we can claim our agency to be fully present and fully active in the world into which we now go.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We welcome everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to share in this meal. This morning, we serve by intinction. Please come forward row by row to the servers at your section, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Return to your place via the opposite side from which you came. If you are more comfortable to remain where you are, we will gladly bring the bread and cup to you. For those who desire it, gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice will be served at the table.*

SONG OF PREPARATION—*Gathered Here*

***Gathered here, we give praise and thanks to you.***

***Gathered here, we lift our voices.***

***Gathered here, in the glory of your love,***

***Hosanna now!***

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God is with us!

**God is with us now!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

It is indeed right and good...

***Gathered here, in the mystery of this hour,***

***Gathered here, in one strong body,***

***Gathered here, in the struggle and the power,***

***Spirit, Draw near.***

HOLDING ON

\* GO FOR IT!

\* BENEDICTION SONG 543—*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

Hymnal

POSTLUDE

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

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LEADING YOU IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:

PASTOR: Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Angel Gippert

PRAISE BAND: Dan Gross as leader, percussion, guitar, Pete Zajicek on piano

SANCTUARY DOOR GREETERS: Doug & Diane Joppie

CENTER DOOR GREETER: Betsy Savage

COMMUNION SERVERS: Allison Broadwell, Bill Jordan, Judy Owen, Todd Dolan, Tricia LaSota

READERS: Matthew Broadwell, Todd Dolan, David Hough, Tricia LaSota, Dave Tengler, Penny Willey

PRAYER REQUESTS: Nancy Best, Paulette Lein, Tracey Parker, Sam Owens, Brad Back, Bob Miller, Stephanie Wicker, Roger McGuineas, Margaret Babb, Al & Mary Alice Shrosbree, Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard, Georgenia Keoleian

The Board of Deacons also requests prayers for: Church members whose last names begin with the letters I & J and members of the Personnel Committee.

Please continue to pray for those with health or personal issues. If a member's name has been inadvertently left off this list, please notify the church office. Also, let the church know when a member is entering the hospital or might like a supportive phone call.

## ABOUT JULIAN OF NORWICH



In the Listening Prayer this morning, we heard a quote from Julian of Norwich. Julian of Norwich (1342-c.1416) is known to us almost only through her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, which is widely acknowledged as one of the great classics of the spiritual life. She is thought to have been the first woman to write a book in English which has survived.

We do not know Julian's actual name but her name is taken from St. Julian's Church in Norwich where she lived as an anchoress for most of her life. We know from the medieval literary work, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, that Julian was known as a spiritual counsellor. People would come to her cell in Norwich to seek advice. Considering that, at the time, the citizens of Norwich suffered from plague and poverty, as well as a famine, she must have counselled a lot of people in pain. Yet, her writings are suffused with hope and trust in God's goodness.

### VBS SET UP—TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

This coming week Northbrook will be transformed into Hero Central! If you're feeling crafty or simply enjoy decorating, stay after worship today to lend a hand as we set up for Vacation Bible School.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 14-16

Join us for Vacation Bible School from August 14-16. Children age 3 to third grade are welcome to join in the fun and learning from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and the whole family is invited to a fun movie night on Friday, August 17. With help from some superhero friends, we will discover our strength in God through storytelling, crafts, music and games. Adult volunteers and youth assistants are also needed. Registration forms are located in the hallway. For questions, please contact Cindy Sowle or Jackie Spycher at [jacqueline@northbrookpc.org](mailto:jacqueline@northbrookpc.org).

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

People of all ages are invited to join us for an outside screening of *The Incredibles* on Friday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m. *The Incredibles* is an Oscar Award-winning animated Pixar film about a family of superheroes. Come with your family, friends or by yourself and bring a comfy lawn chair or blanket.

### DETROIT TIGERS GAME—FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

The Northbrook PWN FUN group is sponsoring our annual baseball outing to watch the Detroit Tigers play the Chicago White Sox on Friday, August 24. The cost is \$35 and includes a ticket to the 7:00 p.m. game, transportation and spectacular fireworks afterwards. We will be leaving at 5:00 p.m. from the church. For more information, contact Barb Stetson at (248)302 3033.

## BACKYARD BIBLE AND BEVERAGE—AUGUST 15

We have met on Wednesdays over the summer in our backyards to read and discuss together the latest award-winning book Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass. This book explores why gratitude is missing as a modern spiritual practice, offers practical suggestions for reclaiming it and illuminates how the shared practice of gratitude can lead to a greater connection with God, our world and our own souls. Bring your book and beverage and join in the fun! The final meeting will be held at **7:30 p.m.** on August 15 at the Wilhelmi's house at 1466 Glenwood in Sylvan Lake. ***Please note time change to 7:30 p.m.***

## POW WOW & HEALTH FAIR—SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Join us for a fun and interesting Mission Opportunity with Metro Detroit's American Indian Health and Family Services by volunteering at their Pow Wow and Health Fair on Saturday, August 25. AIHFS has been one of the local mission organizations Northbrook has supported for a long time. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for this hands on mission workday, please contact Winnie Davies-Hancock at (248)931-0821 or at [winsomeann@aol.com](mailto:winsomeann@aol.com) or sign up following worship services on the sheet in the main hallway.

## PUB THEOLOGY—TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Pub Theology will meet again on Tuesday, August 28 at 7 p.m. at Brady's Tavern.

## ANGST FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION—TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Birmingham First United Methodist Church is having a film screening of *Angst—Raising Awareness around Anxiety* along with a panel discussion with mental health experts on Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. The goal of this screening and panel discussion is to start a local conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. Through candid interviews, the documentary utilizes the power of film to tell the stories of many kids and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impacts on their lives and relationships as well as how they've found solutions and hope. Admission is free and appropriate for middle school students, high school students and adults. For more information, a list of panel experts or to watch a trailer, go to [www.fumcbirmingham.org/angst](http://www.fumcbirmingham.org/angst).

## FORT STREET OPEN DOOR—THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Open Door at Fort Street Presbyterian Church on Thursday, August 30. We'll go to serve the morning meal. The group will depart via carpool or the church van at 8:00 a.m. from the Northbrook parking lot, and our time of service will be followed by lunch in Detroit at a surprise location. For more information and/or to sign up, contact Seglinda Kelle-Pritchard at (248)626-6514.

## SUNDAY FUN DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Save the date & invite some friends. Sunday Fun Day is coming soon! Sunday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. There will be food, games, activities and fun for all ages. Friends, neighbors and new faces are welcome.

### NORTHBROOK BOOK CLUB—MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Northbrook Book Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m. in the Library to discuss *Killer of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. All are welcome.

### SECOND MILE CENTER GOLF OUTING—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Back by popular demand! The golf outing benefitting the Second Mile Center of Detroit returns on Sunday, September 30 at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills. We are partnering with First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth to get more people involved, more auction items and more competition! We have to defend our trophies! (Most golfers and winning team!) So, put the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information. Again, there will be opportunities to donate auction items, sponsor a hole, play golf or just eat dinner. Don't miss out on the fun! Contact Kathy Bauhof at [kathybauhof@gmail.com](mailto:kathybauhof@gmail.com) for more information.

### RETURNABLE BOTTLES & CANS

At this time, we are no longer taking donations of returnable bottles and cans. Thank you for your past support of this program.

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During August, the church office will be open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Fridays.

### SENIOR SOUPER LUNCH

Senior Souper Lunch is taking a break during July and August. Enjoy the summer and see you in September.

### KNIT WITS

The Knit Wits are taking a break during August and will resume in September.

## This Week at Northbrook

### SUNDAY, August 12

9:45 a.m. Worship & Communion

10:45 a.m. Deacons' Meeting

### MONDAY, August 13

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting—Men's Group

### TUESDAY, August 14

5:30 p.m. VBS

7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg

### WEDNESDAY, August 15

5:30 p.m. VBS

7:30 p.m. Backyard Bible & Beverage  
(1466 Glenwood, Sylvan Lake)

September Newsletter Articles Due

### THURSDAY, August 16

5:30 p.m. VBS

### FRIDAY, August 17

5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night

Office Closed

### SUNDAY, August 19

9:45 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Session Meeting

SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR: 9:45 A.M.  
June 3—September 2

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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: Closed

**Summer Worship: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

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