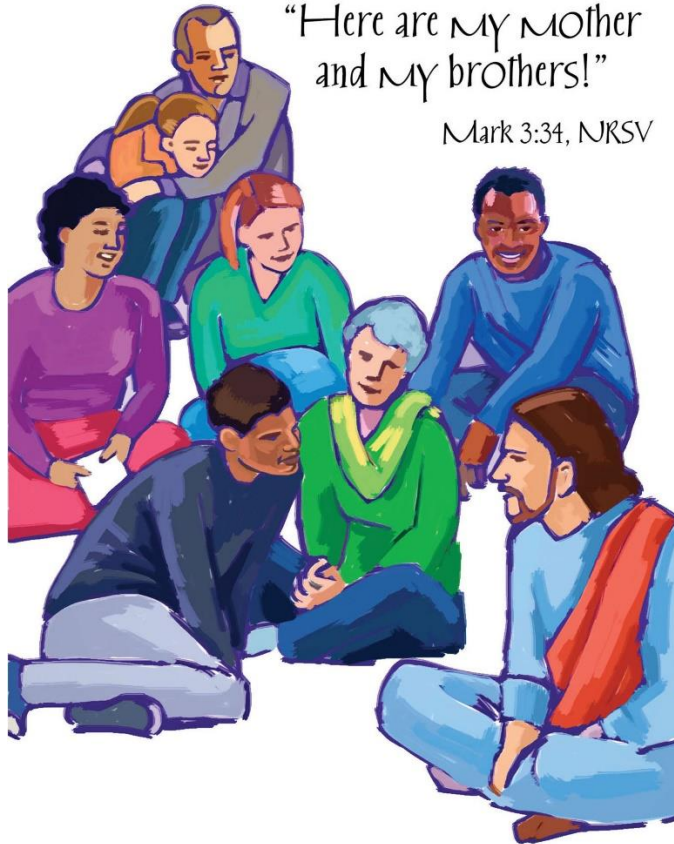


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Looking at those who
sat around him, he said,
“Here are my mother
and my brothers!”

Mark 3:34, NRSV



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

June 9, 2024 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Sergei Kvitko

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherri DeMarco

We wait for you, O God,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for your steadfast love,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for you to lift the lowly,
more than those who watch for the morning.
We wait for your unexpected grace,
more than those who watch for the morning.
Let us sing of God's holy ways,
the glory of the one for whom we wait.

++HYMN #307[GTG] God of Grace and God of Glory

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Sherri DeMarco

Unison Prayer of Confession

**You have called us blessed, O God,
and washed us in the waters of grace.
You have called us a family, O God,
and bound us by the presence of your Spirit.
Forgive us, O Holy One,
when we try to forget that we belong to you:
when we bind ourselves to the illusion of independence,
the myth of supremacy,
or the fear of what might happen**

++ indicates to stand in body or spirit

**if we placed our trust in something beyond ourselves.
Forgive us, O Holy One, and by your forgiveness,
free us from all that keeps us bound.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sherri DeMarco

Now stand firm in your faith,
covered by the saving grace of God
and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

++Response to Forgiveness **#188 [GTG] Jesus Loves Me!**

***Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Sherri DeMarco

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God (three times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sherri DeMarco

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 130

Sherri DeMarco

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

²Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

³If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. ⁵I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. ⁷O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Megan Higle, Soprano

GOSPEL READING

Mark 3:20-35

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

SERMON

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++HYMN #736[GTG] I Want to Be as Close to You

This text centers on three significant people in Christ's earthly life, Mary, his mother, John, the beloved disciple, and Mary Magdalene, the first witness to his Resurrection. With these models to guide us, we can learn much about how to live out our desire to be near to Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prince Solace

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(Prayers continue)

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 #568[GTG]

568 Amen

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C

A - men, a - men, a - men!

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b Dm7 G

A - men, a - men, a - men!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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AMEN (Haugen)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

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++Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN

#203[GTG]

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected (CHEREPONI).

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

Sergei Kvitko

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Sherri DeMarco
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Dir. Church Life/Comm. Outreach	Prince Solace
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNS are available.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 9

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service – Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries – Chapel

Monday, June 10

10:00 a.m.

GIL classes

10:00 a.m.

Church staff meeting - Library

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Tuesday, June 11

10:00 a.m. - 2

GIL Classes

5:30 p.m.-8

Gibson School of Highland Dance – Litten Hall/GIL room

6:30 p.m.

Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsal – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel

Wednesday, June 12

10:00 a.m.- 5

GIL Class

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga room

Thursday, June 13

9:00 a.m.-2

NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall

7:00 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries– Chapel

Friday, June 14

5:30 p.m.

Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, June 15

Sunday, June 16

10:00 a.m.

Sunday service - Chapel

12:30 p.m.

Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship – Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

10th Annual Hope in One Golf Outing, Aug. 7, Groesbeck Country Club.

This is a special year and North Westminster Presbyterian Church is recognizing those who have been a part of the golf event for 8 or 9 years. LFPC is one of them. Donors have contributed over \$50,000 for the missions of Advent House and North Westminster Presbyterian. LFPC will be highlighted in the event program and in announcements.

Reminder: The annual per capita payment to the Lake Michigan Presbytery this year is \$40.05. Hopefully every member can pay that amount. The check can go to the church noting per capita. Please consider paying the per capita for those who cannot afford to. Thank you.

Lugnut church outing on June 14. The game is 7:05 p.m. and tickets are \$12. Anyone can sign up through Rich Blankenship by email, text or in person on Sundays.

LINK NEWS - Northeast/DeWitt & All Points North Link

We will share lunch and conversation every third **Saturday** of the month at 1 p.m. On **June 15** we will meet at Boston's Restaurant and Sports Bar at 3301 Centre Blvd: Lansing. Contact Pat Eenigenburg.

South Lansing Link meets the second Sunday after worship. Check with Prince Solace and Bethanne Jenks for plans!

Are you in the mood for a Scottish Fling? Do you know any aspiring Scottish dancers. **The Gibson School of Highland Dance** will start two four-week sessions this week alongside the Glen Erin Pipe Band rehearsals in the church basement rooms. The first class is Tuesday 6/11, and is called **Brave Camp** for new and returning dancers ages 3-15. The second group is an **adult class**, ages 16+, and will meet right after at 7:15 p.m.-8 for beginning and experienced dancers. The suggested donation is \$10 a class with pay assistance available. The classes will include highland, ceildh dancing and other activities. First session will meet 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/16. For more information including links to register or pay, email gibsonhighlanddance@gmail.com

ADULT FORUM

Off in the summer

See you in September!
