



August 20, 2023

10:00 Worship Service



**Welcome to NEUMC!**

We're glad you're here! Thank You for joining us today!

**Our Mission is to Know Jesus and Make Him Known**

# A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

## Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**HYMN, 581**

*“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”*  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

Processional

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 363**

*“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”*  
Verses 1, 3 & 4

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*“Lamb's Corner”*

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 133:1-3  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

#### SONG

*“Sanctuary”*

Sing Twice

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy  
Tried and true  
With thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

*“Sanctuary”* by John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs  
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#### SERMON AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor Antoinette

*“Forgiveness in the Family”*  
Genesis 45:1-15

#### CALL FOR OFFERING

#### OFFERING

There are 4 ways to give. See back of bulletin.

**\*DOXOLOGY, 95**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Wine and grape juice are used for communion. The chalices have wine.

Grape juice and gluten free bread are available in the center.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

*“His Mercy Is More”*

Recessional

**Verse 1**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**Chorus**

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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\* Please stand as you are able.



We are delighted that you have joined us in worship!  
We hope your experience at NEUMC  
was enjoyable and encouraging.  
Please join us for *Cookie Time* fellowship following the service.

# Sermon NOTES



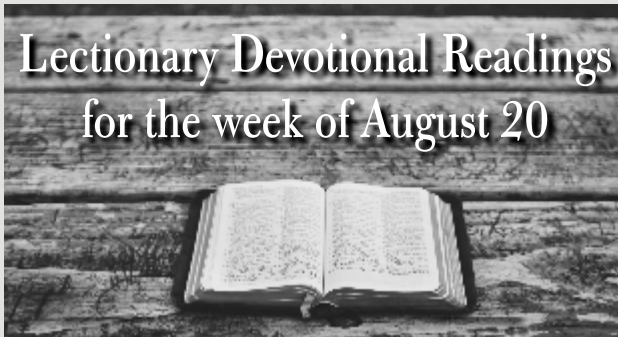
## Forgiveness in the Family

Genesis 45:1-15

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! 5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. 6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. 7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.[a] 8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9 Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. 10 You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. 11 I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.' 12 "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. 13 Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly." 14 Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.



## Lectionary Devotional Readings for the week of August 20



Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Let's learn and grow together!

## Sunday SCHOOL

**TIME 9:00AM**

EDUCATION BUILDING

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### Overcomers

Instructor: Brooks Shealy

Life of David

First & Second Samuel

### Pairs & Spares

Instructor: Tammie Sloop

Questions Jesus Asked

By Magrey DeVega

### Older Kids & Youth

Instructors: Heather Cook & Bianca Brazell

Lessons in the Bible

### Preschool & Young Kids

Instructors: Pat Hoesly, Mary Anne Lockard &

Sharon Shealy

Lessons in the Bible





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- Prayer Concerns  
(these go out as needs arise - several each week)
- General information and appeals from NEUMC  
(a few each month)
- Sunday Bulletin

**ACOLYTE**

Youth

**COMMUNION PREPARER TODAY**

Dianne Markham

**COMMUNION PREPARER NEXT WEEK**

Elizabeth Chamblee

**COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY**

Sharon Shealy, C.J. Miro & Dianne Markham

**COMMUNION SERVERS NEXT WEEK**

Walker Miro, Sharon Shealy & Elizabeth Chamblee

**SCRIPTURE READER TODAY**

Stephen Crowell

**SCRIPTURE READER NEXT WEEK**

Chloe Moss

**PRAYER WARRIOR TODAY**

Jane Scott

**PRAYER WARRIOR NEXT WEEK**

Charlie Henry

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**There are 4 ways to give:**

- (1) as offering is collect
- (2) mail a check to the church
- (3) setup recurring giving online: [neumc.com/give](http://neumc.com/give)
- (4) use the QR Code to give online

Scan to Give Online



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**OFFICE HOURS**

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM: MONDAY - FRIDAY



# Prayer Labyrinth Dedication Service for Northeast Columbia

This dedication will encompass our whole community. The hope is that this campus will be a place of respite for people to have time with God. Labyrinths have long been associated with the journey of life, and in medieval times they were symbolic of the pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the Christian imagination. Praying with a labyrinth is a form of walking meditation, a physical expression of the interior journey towards Christ that characterizes all Christian contemplation.



Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: NEUMC Prayer Labyrinth

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Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Melanie Dobson  
United Methodist Elder and Professor at Lutheran  
Theological Southern Seminary and Director of  
the Spiritual Direction Certification Program

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Dr. Dobson will also teach three classes:

## Practices of Presence: Prayer for Life's Journey

(Prayer for our life's moments, days, and weeks)

Thursday, September 14 | 6:30 PM | Practicing the Presence: Welcoming God in Life's Moments

Thursday, September 21 | 6:30 PM | Practicing Awareness: Discerning God's Presence in a Day (Examen)

Thursday, September 28 | 6:30 PM Practicing Sabbath: Resting with God in a Week

(Childcare is provided)



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM

# Explore – Connect – Join

You may have visited Northeast UMC (NEUMC) a few times and decided that it feels like home. Or, you may have been attending for a long time yet haven't officially joined. Whether you are new to church membership or transferring from another church community, the decision to join a church family is a step in your faith journey and we'd love for you to become part of the Northeast family!

## Membership Process

Becoming a member of Northeast is not a requirement for attendance or involvement, but it does involve a few vital steps. We believe you'll find the process both enriching and enjoyable. And you will meet new friends who, like you, want to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The NEUMC's new member pathway consists of three classes designed to connect you with others new to Northeast, discuss areas related to the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church, and discover ways that you can serve and be served in the church community.

## Upcoming Prospective Member Classes

- o **Session 1: Sunday, September 10, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Session 2: Sunday, September 17, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Session 3: Sunday, September 24, 9:00-9:50 AM**
- o **Membership Vows & Celebration during the 10:00 AM worship service**

A Continental Breakfast and childcare provided each Sunday.

For more information, or to let us know you will be attending, please register using the QR Code, visit our website or contact the Church Office at [northeast@neumc.com](mailto:northeast@neumc.com).



**Scan to register**

# JOIN OUR! FLOCK!





## Safe Sanctuary Training

Creating a culture of care and safety in all of our churches

Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the sanctuary. The training will be led by Rev. Laurie Brandes, District Safe Sanctuaries Coordinator. We encourage everyone who works with the children, youth and vulnerable adults to please attend this training.

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church adopted in April 1996 a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The resolution, which the General Conference readopted in 2004 and 2008, includes this statement:

Jesus also said, “As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and be drowned in the bottom of the lake” (Matthew 18:6). Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little one, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church states, “children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse” (§162C).

Tragically, churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse, exploitation, and ritual abuse occur in churches, both large and small, urban and rural. The problem cuts across all economic, cultural, and racial lines. It is real, and it appears to be increasing. Most annual conferences can cite specific incidents of child, youth, and vulnerable adult sexual abuse and exploitation within churches. Virtually every congregation has among its members (adult) survivors of early sexual trauma.

Such incidents are devastating to all who are involved: the child, the family, the local church and its leaders. Increasingly, churches are torn apart by the legal, emotional, and monetary consequences of litigation following allegations of abuse. “Ritual abuse” refers to abusive acts committed as part of ceremonies or rites; ritual abusers are often related to cults, or pretend to be. God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong. (From The 2016 Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church, pp. 182-183 Copyright 2016 by The United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission.)

Other scriptures remind us of the need to care for vulnerable adults such as the elderly. “Honor your Father and Mother as the Lord, God has commanded you” is one of the Ten Commandments outlined in Exodus 20. Jesus, from the cross, saw to the care of his mother, a vulnerable adult in that context. (John 19:25-27) Vulnerable adults are those who – for physical, cognitive, emotional or other reasons – are unable to advocate for themselves. Bullying is a new problem in our society that also requires our attention if we are to maintain safe spaces in our ministries and our churches. Our faith in Jesus Christ compels us to make the protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in our care a priority. Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist congregations, we adopt this policy for the prevention of abuse in our church.



# Epworth's Annual Work Day Offering

*September 10, 2023*

## **EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY!**

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Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.