



August 6, 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

## Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

**HYMN, 451**

*“Be Thou My Vision”  
Verses 1-3*

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.

#### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS *(See bulletin insert)*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 465**

*“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”*

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*“Lamb's Corner”*

#### OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 17:1-7  
Romans 9:1-5

#### 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

*“Holy Wrestling”*  
Genesis 32:22-31

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION, 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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#### 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:

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:

**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**

*“Goodness of God”*

Recessional

**Verse 1**

I love You Lord  
Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Verse 2**

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

**Chorus**

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Bridge**

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

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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



## Holy Wrestling

Genesis 32:22-31

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

24 So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

26 Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

31 The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

*Lectionary  
Devotional Readings  
for the week of  
August 6*

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21



# National Whitewater Center

## August 12

The Youth Group is planning a trip to the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte on Saturday, August 12. The cost is \$75 per person. Food will be an additional cost. Please let Weston Cheatham, Youth Director, know if your child is interested in attending. Adults are welcome and encouraged to attend also.

Here is a link to the Center if you would like to check it out: <https://center.whitewater.org/>

Feel free to forward this invite to anyone who might be interested. Just remember that increased youth attendance requires an increase in adult participation.

Let's learn and grow together!

## Sunday SCHOOL

**TIME 9:00AM**

**EDUCATION BUILDING**

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MORE INFORMATION 803.736.6386

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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





Want to receive our emails or update your mailing choices? Please take a moment to fill out this form with your choices. Place the form in the offering plate or turn it in at the Church Office.

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**EMAILS**

- 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**

Danna Griner

**COMMUNION PREPARER NEXT WEEK**

Karen Evans

**COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY**

Larry & Danna Griner & Melanie Hafner

**COMMUNION SERVERS NEXT WEEK**

Karen Evans, Jane DeCristofaro & Ira Sansolo

**SCRIPTURE READER TODAY**

Stephen Crowell

**SCRIPTURE READER NEXT WEEK**

Leena Crentsil

**PRAYER WARRIOR TODAY**

Tammie Sloop

**PRAYER WARRIOR NEXT WEEK**

Dianne Markham

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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



# Children's Church Back-to-School Prayer

- Leader: When it's the night before going to school, and I'm picking out my clothes and making sure I have all my school supplies...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm getting on the school bus or being driven to school...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I meet my teachers and new friends in my class...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm playing with my friends at recess...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm finding the right bus to ride home...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm telling my family about my day at school...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: When I'm praying at night and thanking God for my family, my friends and my school...
- Children: Jesus is with me.**
- Leader: Thank you, Jesus, for always being by our sides. We know that if we get nervous or afraid, you will be there with us. We know that whether we get A's or F's, you still love us. We know that we can talk with you any time—day or night—and for that we are so thankful. We pray all this in your name. **Amen.**

## **Blessing of the Backpacks:**

**Reader 1:** Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the students gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that's been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, protractors, compasses, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, computers, tablets, and other items used for school work will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

**Reader 2:** Some days, so much stuff will fill these backpacks that the student may find it difficult to walk. On other days, they will be light and nearly empty. But on each and every day, these backpacks represent work required of the students gathered here. And, as in every aspect of our life, we bring these before God for blessing at this time.

**All: Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.**

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

Further, we ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers, administrators, bus drivers and other staff in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and learning and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus whom we seek to follow day by day.  
Amen.