



NORTH SHORE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE. SERVE. RENEW.



“Fifth Sunday of Easter”

A Reconciling Congregation

April 28, 2024

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WELCOME!

Who we are: North Shore United Methodist Church is an inclusive community of faith in Jesus Christ guided by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to providing support, healing, and inspiration to all. Our missions encompass worship, service, the arts, education, and fellowship. We participate in interfaith activities that serve to further world understanding and peace. We believe in the power of prayer and strive to be of help to our members, our community and those in need.

Our guiding values: Love. Serve. Renew.

A Reconciling Congregation: NSUMC is a welcoming community of all, including the LGBTQ community. If you identify as LGBTQ, you will find our congregation to be a safe and nonjudgmental space for you and those dear to you. We have been a part of the United Methodist Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) since 2015.

Newcomers, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary, or speak to an usher. We wish to get to know you and send you information on church activities!

Children are welcome! If you have young children (infants to 3 years old), they are welcome to remain with you during the service, or you may use the nursery on the first floor of the education wing; the service can be heard in that room. We also have a “children’s corner” in the rear of the narthex. Older children are invited to leave for Sunday school following “Young People’s Message.” Ushers are available to help you.

Hospitality, with snacks and beverages, takes place after the worship service in the narthex.

Individual listening devices for improved sound are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Wi-Fi Password: Network: NSUMC-GUEST; Password: nsumcguest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in DREAMING BIG! We continue our Stewardship Campaign 2024, looking forward to our **Pledge Sunday May 5.** As we prepare to make commitments to participate in the amazing things God will do with us and through us by our time, talent, and treasure, we will gain inspiration from a sermon series titled “Dare to Dream” based on a book written by Mike Slaughter. What would our lives and our church look like if we all dreamed and lived out a God-sized mission? What if we took a closer look at what we put off by saying “someday I’m going to…” in our personal lives and our church life and started to dream and expect bigger things for ourselves? May God reveal to us how to live life in the abundance of our empowering Spirit!

The confirmation class of 2024 invites you to share in a lunch to benefit PRHeSS: Sierra Leone on today, April 28, immediately following worship. We have designed a menu of our favorites that we are sure you will enjoy. We will share stories of young people who are being helped through the work of PRHeSS. A free will offering will be taken. Please join us as we serve to help others.

Pastor Esther will be out of her office April 16 and will return May 1. For immediate pastoral care needs, please contact [Deacon Barbara Javore](#) or call [Marjorie Kemp](#) at the church office who can provide further information as needed at (847) 835-1227.

Lay Leaders Breakfast: See you at Hometown Coffee on May 2 between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.! Need a break? Need some quality time with your fellow United Methodists? Come to the monthly Lay Leader’s Coffee, organized by Walter Calhoun. Join us for fellowship, great conversation, and – of course – coffee! We look forward to seeing you.

The stitchers group, A Common Thread, will meet on Saturday, May 4 at 1:30 pm in Barbee Hall. We are currently prepping and crocheting sleep mats for distribution to people in homeless situations, through a Deerfield agency. We need grocery store plastic bags which are then cut into strips and knotted together to make the “plan” (plastic yarn) that is crocheted into the sleep mat. You don’t need to be able to crochet to help with this project. If you don’t know how to knit (or crochet), but would like to learn, call Marjorie Kemp at 847-308-1947, or Marj Passini (630-802-7339) and we can provide materials. You are more than welcome to bring your own project and just relax with other stitchers.

Sunday, May 5, 2024: Campanella Children’s Choir performs Benjamin Britten’s *Missa Brevis in D*, during worship. Come be uplifted by this beautiful music and **remember to bring your pledge card** as we dedicate our pledges to serve during the coming year.

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****Bold italic*** print indicates your participation

† Please stand as you are able.

*Please silence your cell phones

CENTERING THOUGHT

“I have Gifts that you don’t have. You have Gifts that I don’t have. You can almost see God rubbing God’s hands together and saying, ‘Voila, that is why I created you different so you would know your need of one another.’”

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: *We are called to be God's people.*

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.

People: *We are called to be the body of Christ.*

Leader: Come let us worship God,

People: *who binds us together*

in love and service.

OPENING HYMN

“Here I Am Lord”

UMH#593

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Bountiful God,

you have blessed us with so many gifts.

In this time of worship,

may we be open to receiving these gifts.

Help us claim our gifts

*and use them to bring liberation and justice
to a hurting world.*

May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity

bind us together as your body,

that we may be your hands and feet and voice

in this, your world. Amen.

CHORAL MUSIC

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 27–31

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the Word of God, for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Chapter That Comes Before”

Rev. Dr. Barbara Javore

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

TFWS#2153

GRATITUDE MOMENT

Ingrid Armstrong

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You are invited to respond in gratitude for God’s grace through the giving of yourself in time, talent and treasure. Your financial gifts can be received by the offering plate during the service or electronically on northshoreumc.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

† DOXOLOGY

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we offer these gifts to you. Please help us use the gifts you have given us so that we can serve more faithfully. May these gifts we place before you bring glory to you and be a blessing to others.

We pray a special blessing on all whom these gifts touch. May they know your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH#555

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Announcements, continued

Prayers for General Conference: All United Methodist Churches are strongly encouraged to join together to pray for the upcoming General Conference that will take place April 23–May 3 in Charlotte, NC. General Conference is the highest legislative body of The United Methodist Church that convenes every four years. It upholds and revises our Book of Discipline and the Book of Resolutions which guides and informs what we believe and how we will live into our global faith community. This year, one of the important issues to be discussed will be our stance of the LGBTQIA+ inclusion and the structure of our global denomination. Join in praying for the General Conference, including the delegates elected from our Northern Illinois Conference

Lay Delegates: Lonnie Chafin, Nadia R. Kanhai, Adrian Hill, vice chair

Clergy Delegates: Rev. Alka Lyall, chair, Rev. Luis Reyes. Rev. Gregory Gross

Let us join together to act for justice for children! [Take a moment to urge the Senate to pass H.R. 7024](#), the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act, that will benefit 16 million low-income children potentially lifting 400,000 out of poverty within the first year alone and spark economic mobility in Black and Brown communities nationwide.

Opportunity for young Methodists and for local churches in our conference — Uplifting Young Methodists Scholarship: Four students will receive \$2500 for 2024–25. One recipient will receive an additional \$1000 as the Carolyn J. Cook Scholar. This scholarship is designed to assist minority United Methodist students to attend a trade school, community college, college, or university. [Now accepting applications, which are due April 30, 2024.](#)

Family Service of Glencoe will be hosting its annual Benefit, Glencoe Under the Stars, on May 3, 2024 at Northmoor Country Club in Highland Park. This special evening will feature a chef-curated menu, dancing, silent and live auctions, a paddle raise, and a moving and motivational program about mental health and how it affects our community on all levels. [To reserve or to donate.](#)

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide
I will tend the poor and lame,
till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

1.

All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
my hand will save.

I have wept for love of them.
I will speak my word to them.
They turn a-way.

I will set a feast for them.
I will give my life to them.
My hand will save.

2.

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

Refrain (Harmony)

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD
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Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

2153 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me _____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! _____
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me _____

— an - y - where, Lord, — an - y - time! _____
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

1. For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,
 2. Wid - er grows the king - dom, reign of love and light;
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.

gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,
 Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,

man - i - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.
 move we on to - geth - er to the shin - ing goal.

Refrain

For-ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine.



Not an Official NSUMC Member Yet? Not Baptized Yet?

NSUMC is preparing to celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church by celebrating the Confirmation of our youth and welcoming of new members. We will also participate in the sacrament of baptism. If you are considering your official membership at NSUMC and/or have not proclaimed your commitment to Jesus in Baptism, please contact Pastor Esther (Elee@northshoreumc.com) and/or Deacon Barb (bjavore@yahoo.com) to discuss this exciting next step to your faith journey.

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- Prayers for the General Conference, including the delegates elected from our Northern Illinois Conference
- For Peace in the Middle East and other countries in war and hostility
- For these members and friends with ongoing challenges:
 - **Carole Chaloner Silberhorn**
 - **Everett “Pudge” Fox**
 - **Nancy and John Haynor**
 - **Carlos Figueredo**
 - **Judi Stiles**
 - **Walter Holt**

SERVING IN THE MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP & HOSPITALITY

Greeter..... Nancy Cole
 Liturgist.....Mary Figueredo
 Acolytes Lexi Kaplan, Walter Calhoun
 Flowers..... Nancy Cole
 Hospitality..... Confirmation Class

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor Rev. Esther Lee
 Deacon & Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries Rev. Dr. Barbara Javore
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