



## Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Newport United Methodist Church  
1596 Eleventh Avenue  
Newport, Minnesota 55055-1649

Jesus Christ, *Head*  
The Congregation, *Ministers*  
Rev. Linda J. Gesling, *Pastor*



*-a Retreat in the City-*

*Newport United Methodist Church is a people of God  
dedicated to following the teaching of Jesus  
so that we and others can grow in our faith.*

Rev. Linda Gesling, Pastor

### Gathering

*We come together in the name of the Lord.*  
Please record your attendance by signing the registration pad -  
members, friends and visitors alike.

Prelude Judy Lieftring, Organist

Introit "Come, Come, Everybody Worship"  
No. 2271

Church Bell Toll  
*Symbol of the Spirit's Presence*

### Announcements

\*Call to Worship  
*Hymnal*, p. 854 Psalter on **Psalm 139:1-12**

\*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
No. 140

\*Greeting One Another

Anthem Time

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**God of mercy, on ordinary days we crush others under the weight of our unrealistic expectations. We knock down friends and neighbors in our rush to get more for ourselves. We bully those around us with stupid words and angry gestures. We worship strange gods - plastic cards, athletes, celebrities - as we turn away from you. We forget how you have set us free, when we turn our backs on the strangers around us.**

**So on this holy day, Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Thom Shumann)**

Scripture Lessons **2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (NT p. 180-81)**

**Mark 2:23-3:6 (NT pp. 36-37)**

\*Hymn "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"  
No. 382

Sermon Rev. Linda Gesling

Presenting Our Gifts  
Offertory

\*Doxology "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
Invocation No. 2193

Offertory Prayer

Prayer Requests  
The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

\*Hymn "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"  
No. 616 (vs1,2,5)

Communion  
*Hymnal*, pp. 15-16

### Sending Forth

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

\*Circle of Benediction

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
No. 557, verse 1

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

Extinguishing of the Candles

*Taking the Light into the World*

Church Bell Toll

Postlude

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE  
USHERS' TABLE.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

Today's ushers are Sherry Elg and Teri Reynolds.  
 Last week's ushers were Bob Bay and Butch Heidenreich.  
 Last Sunday's acolyte was Donald Birttnen.

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If you would like to provide altar flowers in dedication to a loved one, or an occasion, contact the church office so that it can be noted in the bulletin.

*Looking Ahead . . .*

<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Social Time</b>
<b>Monday, June 4</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Leadership Team Meeting</b> <b>Fireside Room</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 6</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Handbell Choir, FH</b>
<b>Saturday, June 9</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>United Church of God</b> <b>Sabbath Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Social Time Honoring</b> <b>Pastor Linda</b>
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Handbell Choir, FH</b>
<b>Saturday, June 16</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>United Church of God</b> <b>Sabbath Service</b>
<b>Sunday, June 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Worship Service</b>

**OUR FLOWERS NEED HELP!**

With Karen recovering in transitional care, we need a few people's help watering and weeding the flower beds around the entrances to our building. See John or Chris about it.

**Red Rock Manor CRAFT SALE,**  
**Thursday, June 7, 8am-2pm!**

*Thank you, Martha Circle, for contributing \$80 to offset the cost of the driveway and parking lot patching!*

*Upholding the Church with our...*

**Prayers :** for **Bob's cousin Lee** who has heart trouble and is awaiting test results; for **Karen** for full and rapid recovery from a stroke; for **Oneida** whose **husband Dale** passed away last month; for **Nancy's** friend **Cheryl** in Cleveland Clinic with multiple issues; for our church neighbor **Bud** who broke his nose and cracked a vertebra in a fall and will be in rehab after release from the hospital; for **Greg, friend of Catherine and Jim**, whose cancer has returned; for **the family of Rufus (Art's brother-in-law)** who passed away recently; Two of **Doug's brothers** need our prayers: **Gary** for renewed recovery after cancer surgery, and **Ted** for diagnosis and treatment of cancer; for **Nancy's friend Mary** who faces cancer surgery; for **Deanna and Bob, Georgette, Lolita, Bruce, Kathy, Barb, Scott, Vicki, Karen, Dave, Lowell, ...** We pray for **safety for all travelers; for good health for all of our congregation; for all those facing health care finance crises; for those facing deportation and separation from their families; for a peaceful solution in Korea; a peaceful solution in Syria; for immigrants coming and trying to come into the United States; for the displaced people who lived near Mt. Kilueia; for the victims of the school shootings in Kentucky, California, Maryland, Parkland, FL, and Santa Fe, TX; for the victims and families of the shooting in Antioch, TN; for the victims and remorseful perpetrators of sexual harassment; we pray for the police and first responders whose jobs are often difficult and dangerous; for safety for elected officials; and for the victims of storms throughout the country; for people and families dealing with mental illness; for victims of violence all around us; for children who have suffered abuse; for all families whose loved ones are missing.**  
 Please keep **Tonnie** in your prayers for continued recovery.

*Joys* **Jodi's family** says **Steve** is doing better (**prayers should continue**). **Jodi's son Tom and his fiancée Nicole** will celebrate their wedding here today! **Thank God for good outcomes!**

*Perhaps you have asked us to uphold a loved one in our prayers. If so please give us an update as their conditions change, as a joy or a concern.*

**Presence:** Last week's Attendance at Worship = **29**  
**Gifts:** Last week's offering = **\$1607**  
**Peace with Justice appeal = \$132**  
**Total 2018 Love Offering = \$245**

**Service: Thanks to John Brenneman for continuing his ministry of mowing!**

*Welcome to our Visitors ...*

We are delighted you have chosen to worship here today! May you experience a sincere welcome and a sense of God's love for you. We gather as a community of faith to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to return many times and to bring others with you.

Nursery care for children under 3 years of age is available during the worship service. Holy Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month and is open for all to receive as a sacramental gift from God.

We provide individual pastoral care by request. You may call Pastor Linda for an appointment. If you would like to discuss baptism for yourself or a member of your family, arrangements can be made by contacting the pastor. Persons desiring to marry may speak with the pastor to schedule pre-marital counseling. We are willing to provide additional services as needed - simply call the church office (651/459-2747, at extension 1).

You are cordially invited to become an active participant of any of our program opportunities as noted in our weekly bulletin. Christian Education is available September through May for adults. If you enjoy music, you are welcome to join our voice and handbell choirs. We share in a growing ministry where volunteer opportunities are available, matching your skills to church and community needs.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, *The Key*, or wish to make a comment/suggestion, please note such on the back of a prayer request card found in the pew pocket and place it on the offering plate. We hope that we may provide the sense of community and stimulation of character you have been searching for.

Newport United Methodist Church Staff

Rev. Linda Gesling	Pastor
Judy Lieffring	Director of Music
Mike Nelson	Handbell Choir Director, Administrative Asst.
John Brenneman	Treasurer
Catherine Klimek	Custodian

Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays  
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