

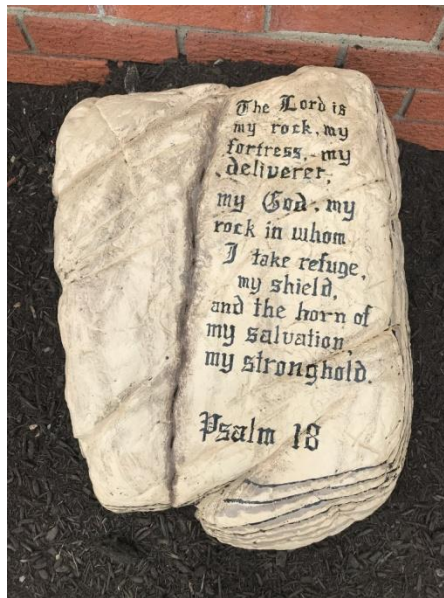
# **New Life United Methodist Church**

**September 13, 2020**

**Rededication of Prayer Garden**

**Blessing of Psalm Rock**

Worship 10:30 am



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**Passing of the Peace and Greeting**..... Pastor Jolita Erbele

**Announcements and Joys**

**\*Introit** ..... *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Our God comes from the East, breathing hope into hopeless situations. Loving God,

**C: breathe your Spirit into us and make us new.**

L: Our God comes from the West, breathing forgiveness for all who have done wrong. Loving God,

**C: breathe your Spirit into us and make us new.**

L: Our God comes from the North, breathing wholeness for all whose lives are scattered. Loving God,

**C: breathe your Spirit into us and make us new.**

L: Our God comes from the South, breathing new life for all who feel death's power. Loving God,

**C: breathe your Spirit into us and make us new.**

**ALL: Come, let us worship the God whose every breath is resurrection, new life, new hope! Amen.**

**\*Opening Song**..... *“Holy Spirit”*

**Presentation of tithes and offerings**

**Offertory**                      (*Offering plates are at the Sanctuary entrance*)

**\*Doxology**

**Prayer**

**Children’s Message**

**Prayer Song**.....“*Spirit of the Living God*”

**Prayer** ..... Pastor Jolita

**\*Scripture:**               *Genesis 2:7, John 20:21-23 (ESV)*

**Message**..... Pastor Jolita

***“Are You Breathing?”***

**Service of Holy Communion**

*L: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

***Quiet Confession.***

*L: 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!*

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

*L: 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.*

**P: Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

*L: 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 forever.*

**P: Amen**

*L: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:*

**All: (Lord's Prayer)**

Communion

**Rededication of Prayer Garden  
and Blessing of Psalm Rock**

L: We have gathered here to dedicate this garden for prayer and gatherings. May this place, through the Holy Spirit, be a place where our faith in Christ is deepened and all who come here will find respite and guidance.

We rejoice today to celebrate the presence of God. Joshua laid stones as a memorial to the Lord on the banks of the Jordan River to remember the faithfulness of the Almighty. Today, we put a Rock at the foot of this cross to remind ourselves that Jesus is our rock and salvation. May we never pass through here without stopping to praise Jesus for what He has done for us.

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge” (Psalm 18:2a).

Let us pray:

L: God, our Father, at the dawn of creation you placed your children in the garden and walked with them in the cool of the day:

**P: Be present with us as we walk in this garden and open our eyes to the beauty of your creation.**

L: Jesus, our good Companion, on many occasions you withdrew with your friends to a garden for quiet and refreshment:

**P: Be present with all who come to meet you in this place and teach them your ways.**

L: Jesus, our Redeemer, you suffered anguish and betrayal in a garden and there you submitted to your Father’s will.

**P: Be present with all who come in sorrow and pain to this place, and give them the grace of your redeeming love.**

L: Jesus, our Savior, after your crucifixion your body was laid in the tomb in the garden, and there you first revealed yourself to your friends after you rose from dead:

**P: Be present with all who come to this place when it seems that all is lost and awaken them to new life by your resurrection power.**

L: Holy Spirit of Truth and Power, our Advocate and Friend,

**P: Be present with all who come to this place seeking direction and strength, fill their hearts with the love of God, and send them out to witness to your infinite love. Amen.**

L: We are grateful that Maxine Gambrel was inspired and opened opportunities for us to have this sacred space. We thank the many who designed and labored to make it a reality. Her vision continues and we hope that soon we will have a prayer box where individuals and families may write and place their prayers. Let's breathe the Holy Spirit that is close to us. Let's open our arms to receive and be a new creation in God.

**\*Closing Song ..... “*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*”**

Breathe on me breath of God, Fill me with life anew  
That I may love what Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God Until my heart is pure  
Until with Thee I will one will To do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God Till I am wholly Thine  
Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God So shall I never die  
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity

**\*Benediction**

## **September New Life Local Mission**

Praying for employees of Northwestern Consolidated Schools—take one or more names from the main bulletin board, pray for the person and write a prayer message for them, do not sign the message, put it in an envelope with the person's name, return envelope with \$5 to Mattie Krautheim for a \$5 gift card to be inserted before the cards are delivered to the school at the end of the month.

### **This week @ New Life**

Every Day: Spend time with God; Exercise--Walk with God

Today: Worship 10:30 am in person or streamed live on Facebook; on Youtube later; Youth, 6 pm

Monday: Finance committee, 6 pm; Scouts

Tuesday: LIFE group, 7 pm

Wednesday: United Methodist Women, 7 pm—bring flip-flops or shower shoes for Wheeler Mission, all sizes needed

Thursday: LIFE group via Facebook Messenger, 7 pm

Friday: LIFE group, time TBA; Bible Study, 6 pm

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, September 20: Education committee, following worship

Saturday, September 26: Pork Chop Dinner, 4:30-7:30 pm; **volunteers to make desserts and to work are still needed. Sign-up sheets are on the main bulletin board.**

## REMEMBER??

The Youth Group is still selling gift cards as a fundraiser! We earn a percentage off of each card we sell and use this money to help fund fun outings. Here is a list of the cards we have on hand right now:

Applebees	Burger King
Taco Bell	Subway
Kohl's	Cracker Barrel
Bath and Body Works	Dunkin Donuts
Long John Silvers	JC Penney
Apple	Meijer
Starbucks	Papa Johns
Noodles and Company	Ulta Beauty
Wendy's	Family Video
BP	Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy

Also, you can go to the website [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and find a list of the partnering retailers. You can always put in an order with Mattie Krautheim if you see something on the master list that we don't have immediately available. Please consider using these cards as you remember that Christmas is only 103 days away! Thank you for helping out the youth group!