

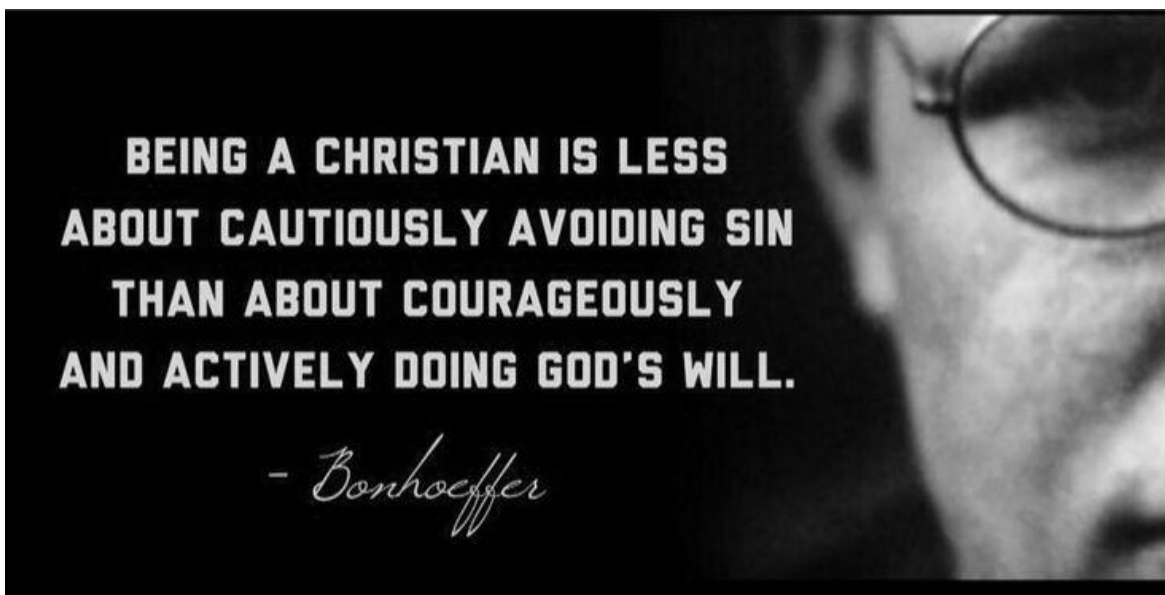
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 29, 2017

4TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

PRELUDE

Reprise

Paul Manz

It has become popular of late to create internet memes dedicated to the wisdom of 20th century Reformed theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was killed by Nazi officials for his role in plots to overthrow or kill Adolph Hitler.

An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Pooh tells Piglet: 'Let's go home.' 'But, Pooh,' cries Piglet, 'do you know the way?'" 'No,' says Pooh. 'But there are 12 pots of honey in my cupboard, and they've been calling to me for hours. I couldn't hear them properly before, because Rabbit would talk, but if nobody says anything... I shall know where they're calling from.'

—A A Milne.

INTROIT

O Sabbath Rest by Galilee

F. Maker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where shall the likeness of God be found?

Nowhere, for God is not found in idols nor revealed by our strivings.

*Today's Call to
Worship is modified
from one originally
used at the First United
Methodist Church of
Portland, Oregon.*

*We traditionally use the
"debts" and "debtors"
form of the Lord's
Prayer.*

Yet the likeness of God can be found in a day, in Sabbath time, which is eternity in disguise.

Let us receive the gift of Sabbath time.

The Sabbath is a profound harmony with all creation, a sympathy for all things.

Let us receive the gift of Sabbath music.

The Sabbath is the unifying of chaos, the perfect elation found in quiet moments.

Let us receive the gift of Sabbath happiness.

The Sabbath is a window into eternity, a vision of the likeness of the divine.

Let us receive the gift of Sabbath vision.

Let us receive the gift of Sabbath love found perfectly in Christ Jesus.

Glory be to God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *O Day of Rest and Gladness* Purple, No. 393

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our wrongs, God, who is faithful and right, not only forgives but strengthens our resolve to make the changes we need to make to live more wholly.

O God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, what has become for us a life draining trap.

On this Sabbath, free us from a past we cannot change.

Open us to a future we can change, and in which we can be changed.

Grant us grace to grow more and more into the fullness of your love. ***Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Proclaim the Good News,

In Christ, we are set free from the past, freed for new life.

May the God of mercy strengthen us in all goodness and keep us secure. ***Amen.***

*RESPONSE *O God, You Are My God* Purple, No. 743

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Lord Prepare Me (Sanctuary)* Purple, No. 701

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Author of life, author of all wisdom, open us this day to hear in ancient songs, new strains of your powerful love, new harmonies of hope and a melody of wisdom to guide our day, our week, our lives. Amen.

SERMON READING Luke 6:1-16 NT, pp. 63-64
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON *When Two Wrongs Make a Right*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Purple, No. 169

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Rain Down* Purple, No. 48

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Hymn of Promise* N. Sleeth

*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you have given us talents for life and for serving you. We bring to you now the fruits of our labors. Bless what we give. Receive what we offer as a sign of our gratitude for all you give. Amen.

Today Northminster's children will be in Children's Chapel, co-led by the Junior High Youth. They will receive communion from Pastor Jessica who will depart now with them.

Today's sermon hymn dates from a time when paternalistic traditions in the church permitted masculine nouns as a stand in for all people, hence the troubling, opening line, which quickly gives way to powerful and profound language. Note the efforts to balance this language through other liturgical choices throughout the service.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN Purple, No. 7
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

POSTLUDE *Deo Gracias* David Johnson

ANNUAL MEETING

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Marge and Hortie Kellogg in loving memory of their daughter,
Karen Kellogg James.*

*Members are invited to
remain in the sanctuary
for the annual meeting.
Guests also are invited
to stay to learn how we
do things "the
Presbyterian way."*

*Luncheon will be served
after the meeting in
Logan Hall.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Michael

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, Linda Beckstedt

Acolytes—Valerie Larsen & Ashlyn Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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Rev. Jessica Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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