

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 1, 2016

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 *Ritournello on Ah, Holy Jesus* Aaron David Miller

A thought as we prepare for worship...

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

*Yes, we' ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

--Robert Lowry

INTROIT

Create in Me a Pure Heart

J. Brahms

*You are invited to join in saying all text that appears in **bold italics**.*

Your bulletin should have a "Stump the Pastor" question submission form. If there is a question you would like Pastor Michael to address in a sermon, write it on that form and place it in the offering plate.

Questions will be accepted until May 15th.

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

This week in Sunday School, Northminster kids will be learning about the seven helpers chosen to help the disciples as they spread the Good News. We will discuss how we can serve our community too! The lesson is based on Acts 6:1-7.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 67
May God be gracious to us and bless all the earth.
May the light of God's holy face shine on us,
That the Lord's way may be known,
That God's saving love might be seen in us.
Let all people praise God.
Let all people be thankful and sing for joy!
Let us worship God!

*HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory Purple, No. 307

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION Purple, No. 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet
(Refrain) ***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet***
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECONDARY READING John 5:1-9 NT, p. 96

SERMON READING Acts 16:9-15 NT, p. 136
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Awake My Heart

Jane Marshall

*Response

Doxology

Purple, No. 607

Praise God from who all blessings flow;***Praise Christ all people here below;******Praise Holy Spirit evermore;******Praise Triune God whom we adore, Amen.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all, in thanksgiving we come before you bringing these our gifts. We humbly submit all to your sovereign will. We offer ourselves as well, as ambassadors for your peace. We give of our substance to feed those who hunger and know want. You are the means by which all the earth shall prosper; through us, send your blessing to all the nations. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN

I Come with Joy

Purple, No. 515

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us be thankful for the presence of the risen Lord Jesus with us:

We give thanks with joyful hearts.*Jesus, dispeller of doubts, source of our faith,****We praise you with wonder for caring for us so deeply.****We praise you, ...give glory to you:****Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.******Heaven and earth are full of your glory!******Hosanna in the highest!******Blessed is the One who comes***

Today's communion hymn is another written by one of Pastor Michael's mentors, Brian Wren. Professor Wren notes that the hymn begins with "I" language and concludes with "we" language, a sign of our being joined together by the loving actions of Jesus in the Lord's Supper and what it celebrates.

As a sign that God's grace in Christ comes to us where we are, we will receive communion in our seats. You are invited to take the bread and eat it as it is passed to you. As the cup is passed, please wait so that all may take the cup together.

in the name of the Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* *Purple, No. 733*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen*

POSTLUDE *New Britain* *Kevin Norris*

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Liz Holding in celebration of her mother and her mother's six sisters,
Liz's sister Sue, and sisters everywhere.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children— Laurie McFarlane Davies

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

Ushers— Pat Drinkwine, Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Dennis Trautvetter

Acolytes— Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

Greeters— Nancy & Joe Doyle, Pam & Bill Swales

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Kirby—Senior Pastor & Head of Staff

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Postlude, please be
aware that some will
remain in a state of
attentive worship until it
has concluded.*