

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 29, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STUMP THE PASTOR

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS®



## 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

*Praise the Lord with One Consent*

*W. T. Best*

### *A Thought as You Prepare for Worship*

*I discovered later, and I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. By this-worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures. In so doing we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world. That, I think, is faith." — **Dietrich Bonhoeffer***

*Bil Keane (1922-2011), the originator of The Family Circus, frequently introduced religious themes in the comic. This comic was re-published in the spring of 2014.*

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

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

### INTROIT

*I Waited Patiently for God*

*W. Billings*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

RE: WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—

**come and worship!**

Even if you' re tired and worn out—

**come and worship!**

Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—

**come and worship!**

Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—

**come and worship!**

See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—

**come and worship!**

For Jesus is humble and gentle,

**and he will give us everything we need to follow him.**

\*HYMN

What Is This Place

Purple, No. 404

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

O Holy One,

"Be of the same mind," You say,

**But we like to be independent, each going our own way,  
dancing to our own beat.**

"Have the same love," You call,

**But we are not even certain what love is, let alone how to do it.**

"Do nothing from selfish ambition, and look not to your own interests  
but to those of others," You instruct,

**But then how will we get ahead? How will we secure our futures?  
How will we have enough?**

"Be one with the mind of Christ, Who was obedient to the end."

**We bristle at the obedience—we like to believe we are in charge.**

Forgive us, O God,

**When we have replaced you with our own ideals, created you in  
the image of our cultural and economic dreams, and situated  
ourselves at the top of the heap.**

Yet You call us to let go, to be humble, to look always to Christ who  
emptied himself.

**Empty us of all that harms, so we may be filled with your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news: God is at work in you. Live this truth: God' s  
grace is more than enough for whatever you are facing, or will ever  
face. Know that we are forgiven, loved, and free.

**We will rejoice and be glad! Alleluia, Amen.**

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

Much of today' s  
liturgy is modified from  
liturgy that was  
originally published on  
the collaborative  
liturgical online  
community,  
re:Worship. One of the  
founders of re:Worship  
is the Rev. Teri  
Peterson, a former  
student of Pastor  
Michael and currently  
pastor of the First  
Presbyterian Church of  
Palatine.

\*RESPONSE *Purple, No. 435, vs. 1*  
*There' s a Wideness in God' s Mercy*

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision Purple, No. 450, vs. 1*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Light of the world, in thousands of languages, across centuries of time, your voice continues to whisper words of truth, love and challenge. Help us to hear You today, to heed, and to follow where you lead us. Amen.*

FIRST READING *Luke 6:25-38 NT, pp. 64-65*

ANTHEM *Come My Way, My Truth S. D. Wolf*

SERMON READINGS *Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NT, p. 194*  
*Philippians 2:1-5 NT, p. 197*  
*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

SERMON *Stump the Pastor: Word in the World — Every Day Faith*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go Purple, No. 833*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Rain Down Purple, No. 48*  
*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.*  
*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love God of life.*

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

*Call to Offering*

*Offertory Psalm XXIII Paul Creston*

*Sarah Schroeder, Soprano*

\*Response *Sing Out, My Soul Purple, No. 646*

*This week in Sunday School, the children are learning about the church in Antioch, the first community to be called "Christians." This is based on Acts 11:19-30.*

*Today' s "Stump the Pastor" question was submitted by Paul Smalley.*

*We frequently utilize compositions of Berthier originally created for the Taizé ecumenical community in France for our responses. This is the only community in the world where joint communion among Roman Catholics and Protestants has ever been formally authorized by the Pope.*

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks that you gave yourself to reconcile us to one another and to You. In humble gratitude, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives, to be used so that all may be freed from want and fear, freed to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.*

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Lord I Want to Be a Christian* Purple, No. 729

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING RESPONSE *W. Billings*  
*And on My Lips a Song Was Put*

POSTLUDE *Materna* Kevin Norris

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tom & Sue Swigert  
in memory of Sue's parents, Vernon & Wilma Pilger.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby*

*Liturgist—Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson*

*A Time with the Children—Kimberly Gartner*

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

*Choral Soloists—Sarah Schroeder, soprano; Jackie King, alto;*

*Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steven Uliana, bass*

*Ushers—Steve Davies, Mark LeBien, Lori Osborne*

*Acolytes—Annabelle Brown & Ashlyn Rogowski*

*If you depart during the  
postlude, please be  
considerate of those  
who remain in a state  
of worship until its  
conclusion.*

Our Northminster Family at Work

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