

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 17, 2016

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### 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

*Prelude and Elevation  
(from Suite Medievale)*

Jean Langlais

*The artwork above was sketched by Levi Turtlebaum, a Brooklyn-based photographer.*

*Please join in speaking 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.*

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

*"The problem is...basically: how to remain whole in the midst of the distractions of life; how to remain balanced, no matter what centrifugal forces tend to pull one off center; how to remain strong, no matter what shocks come in at the periphery and tend to crack the hub of the wheel."*

*—Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Gift from the Sea*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

RE: WORSHIP: PETER K. PERRY

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

*God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.*

God embraces the wounded and broken.

*God knocks down the walls of division and strife.*

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

*God is the light of our lives.*

God is the one who makes all things new.

*Praise be to God, now and forevermore!*

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

\*HYMN *God is Calling through the Whisper* Purple, No. 410

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE<sup>Ω</sup>

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

*Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience.*

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

*Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems.*

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

*We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.*

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

*We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.*

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

*In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings and acknowledge our need for your deep, abiding grace. Amen.*

*The Assurance of Restoration and Prayer for Illumination come from Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Resources for a Global Community. Tirabassi and Eddy, Eds.*

\*ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

*Oh God, you accept us as we are and love us still. It is through your loving that we have the desire and the confidence to let your Spirit grow in us.*

Receive God's pardon and peace, knowing that all sins are forgiven.

*Thanks be to God!*

\*RESPONSE *Take Me, O Take Me As I Am* Purple, No. 698

\*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

#### HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 288

*Spirit of the Living God*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Help bring us back to the beginning, God. Help us to hear in the scriptures the stories that open our eyes to who Jesus was; to who Jesus is; to who we are. Bring us back to the beginning, God—so that we might journey his Way. In Christ's name, and in your love, we ask these things. Amen.*

#### SERMON READING

Luke 10: 38-42

NT. p. 72

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### SERMON

*One Thing Needful*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN

*Commit Your Way to God the Lord*

Purple, No. 706

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### RESPONSE

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Purple, No. 466

#### SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Partita in A Major, Movement 1*

J.S. Bach

Grace Naquin, violin

\*Response

*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

Purple, No.

654

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*In thanksgiving we lift up these gifts to you, O God, as symbols of our commitment to the ministry of peace with justice in your world. May all we offer here nurture alternatives to hate, violence and abuse, and may we continue to gift our world with creativity, commitment, and compassion as we live your love every day. Amen.*

*Today in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest are learning about how Jesus healed a paralyzed man who came down through the roof. It is based on Luke 5.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*As you depart today,  
please remember that  
there are those who  
remain in a state of  
worshipful attention  
throughout the  
Postlude.*

\* HYMN *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Purple, No. 543

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Pasticcio*

Jean Langlais

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by  
Bella Kim in loving memory of her mother, Wonja Moon.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Jessica Gregory

*Liturgist*—Rev. Michael Kirby

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

*Musicians*—Grace Naquin, Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele,

*Ushers*—Linda Beckstedt, Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, Elaine Wall

*Acolytes*—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

*Greeters*—Bella Kim & Rob Swartzloff



## Our Northminster Family at Work

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