

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 8, 2017

EIGHTEENTH 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

Veni Creator Spiritus

Libby Larsen

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"When we gather as church each Sunday, we should ponder the stories that declare scarcity to be false: an impromptu hillside meal with as much in left-overs as when it began, a barren desert blossoming with manna, an earth fully equipped to meet everyone's needs." —Walter Brueggemann

INTROIT

Open My Heart

Clara Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Life,

You are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,

That we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,

That we may hear your voice in the cries of the suffering and the oppressed.

Residents of Reno, Nevada stand in hours-long lines to donate blood on Monday, October 2nd, in response to the shootings in Las Vegas, 450 miles away. Picture provided by NPR affiliate KUNR.

*An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand as you feel led and are able. Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**.*

Today's rose in the chancel is for the baby girl born on Monday to the refugee family Northminster has been co-sponsoring since last year!

Enter our hearts,

That we may be generous in sharing and showing your love to all people.

Welcome into our midst, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way. Amen.

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

*HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Purple, No. 645

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we can remember and the sins we have forgotten; forgive the wrong actions we have committed and the right actions we have failed to do. Forgive the times we have been weak in the face of temptation and when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others and the truths we have avoided. Forgive the pain we have caused others and the over-indulgence we have shown to ourselves. Have pity on us, O loving Lord, and make us whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE

The God of love is our shepherd; the God of compassion is our guide.

God's forgiveness in Christ is ever sure.

The God of hope is our strength for every tomorrow.

Forgiven, loved and freed, we will strive to reflect God's new world of hope, justice and love. Amen.

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

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about another event during the Exodus, the giving of the 10 Commandments from Exodus 20.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from captivity to worry, fear and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

ANTHEM

Holy Manna

J. Carter

SERMON READING

Exodus 16:1-18

OT, pp. 62-63

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Enough Is Enough

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Purple, No. 81

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

Purple Hymnal, page 35

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Verse 4, Purple, No. 396

***Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.***

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

I Am the Bread of Life
Steve Uliana, Soloist

Suzanne Toolan

*Response

We Lift Our Voices

Purple, No. 710

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of wisdom and grace, receive and bless these gifts and our entire lives, which we offer in gratitude and trust. May our hearts and hands be opened in welcome, in work, in compassion for all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

You may recognize the tune of today's sermon hymn as the tune to the German National Anthem. It was composed by Haydn in 1797. For much of the 20th Century, this tune was not played in churches due to its connections with the Nazi regime. The current German National Anthem is based on one of the original verses written in the 18th century and all of the verses adopted by the Nazis have been eliminated. Globally, Newton's words (which predate the tune) have been associated with this tune since the early 1800s.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN Purple, No. 721
Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE W. Tomer
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE New Britain Kevin Norris

*The Chancel Flowers are given in celebration of the marriage
of Melanie Lauren Naumiak to Tadeusz Piotr Kupiec,
held October 7th in the sanctuary.*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois

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

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

Nikolas Arden, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Linda Beckstedt & Tom Buess

Acolytes—Sydney & Chloe Ross

Our Northminster Family at Work

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