

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2017

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE ARE YOURS, O GOD

TRIO—THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS



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

Adagietto (from Fifth Symphony) Gustav Mahler

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Nothing is more fleeting than external form, which withers and alters like the flowers of the field at the appearance of Autumn." — Umberto Eco

INTROIT

We Give Thanks unto You

M. Haugen

Today's cover art is a collage of photos of Michelangelo's David (1504), currently in the Academia Gallery in Florence.

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

Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 51, adapted by Rev. Marci Auld Glass

Scrub and clean our hearts, O God. Remove the dust and cobwebs that cover our compassion, so they may beat for justice.

Renew our spirits, so there is room for your Spirit to find a home in us.

Do not make your presence hard to find, O God, because we aren't very good at looking for you.

Assure us your Holy Spirit will always be with us, if we welcome her in.

Remind us salvation is a cause for joy and not a reason for worry.

Sustain us so we may be willing to answer your call and serve your people. Let us worship this day in joy and hope.

***HYMN**

God Is Here!

Purple, No. 409

***OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Holy One, you penetrate the gloom of the world with your love and your life, graciously opening our eyes in ways which enable us to see the world and our neighbors as you see them. Sometimes we reject your discerning eye and judge only by appearances without regard to the true beauty found in your way of compassion, justice and peace. When distractions cloud our vision, clear our eyes and show us your way. Jesus, Light of the world, help us to walk anew in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are lived out, and we reflect your love and your mercy in all we say and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Hear the good news! "Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light." Know that we can "live as children of the light" because in Jesus, Light of the world,

***We are enlightened; we are healed; we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!***

***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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 701

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of light, shine upon us. God of love, fill our hearts with your wisdom. Holy Spirit, bring yourself closer to us in your Word and how we hear it read and proclaimed, in our thoughts and how we think them, in our lives and how we live them. Use this time and use us to accomplish your good will. Amen.

ANTHEM

Create in Me

Paul Christiansen

SERMON READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

OT, pp. 259-260

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*We Are Yours, O God:
We Are the Shepherds You Send*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Purple, No. 432

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

*Shepherd Me, O God
(Three Times)*

Purple, No. 473

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Andante

W.A. Mozart

Kate Whitney, flute

*Response

Doxology

Purple, No. 607

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will also hear about the calling of David by Samuel.

For our Stewardship Season, the theme of which is TRIO—The Responsibility Is Ours,—we are presenting a sermon series celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation. See your Stewardship mailing for more information.

Our closing hymn is both composed and written by renowned Catholic liturgical artist David Robert Haas. His best known hymns include "You Are Mine" and "Blest Are They." He is published by GIA Publications, based in south suburban Chicagoland. He lives in Eagan, Minnesota where he is the director of the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry.

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those to remain to listen.

Visitors are welcome to stay for our brief congregational meeting

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace and glory, you have enriched our lives with so many gifts, the greatest of these being Jesus the Christ. He taught us how to enrich the lives of others with a love expressed in practical and caring ways. We offer these funds and the service of our lives as evidence of his love alive in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Come! Live in the Light!* Purple, No. 749

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Johann Schneider

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO ELECT OFFICERS

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Paul Vander Weele and Mary Price with deep gratitude for our lovely families and our dear friends.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Nan Shorey

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Gabriel Walker, baritone

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

Acolytes—Chloe Ross & Henry Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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Carey Garrison—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

Claudinetta Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Assistant/
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

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Davit Hovakimyan—*Facilities Manager*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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