

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 16, 2016

22ND 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

Divinum Mysterium

Frederick Barnes

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
Hannah is the first in the Bible to call God "Lord of Hosts," the most common multi-word description for God in scripture. The "Lord of Hosts" is the head of a theoretical heavenly royal court. It is as though she called God the King of Heaven. Thus, Hannah is one of the first female theologians.

M. Kirby

Today's cover art is a 13th century illumination commonly called "Hannah's Prayer" by an unknown liturgical artist.

INTROIT

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Ralph V. Williams

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.

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on 1 Samuel 2) *Moira Laidlaw, alt.*
There is no holy One or no rock like our God
who causes my heart to rejoice and my strength to increase,
***For the Lord is a God of knowledge,
who judges our actions.***

Who breaks the power of the mighty, and clothes the feeble with strength,

***The Lord makes both the rich and the poor,
brings low and lifts up.***

Raising up the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap;

***Giving them seats of honor and guarding the feet of those
who are faithful. We worship and praise God—righteous
and compassionate arbiter of all the earth.***

*OPENING HYMN Purple, No. 641
When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Creating God, You made the earth, whole and complete;
You created us to be whole people. But we have become
fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by
false promises, lost relationships, shattered trust. We have
become cracked with the experience of systemic sin:
prejudice, oppression and fear. We have become
fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands.
Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where
we have been hurt. Let your song of grace penetrate our
broken chords, so that our song might be transposed
to one of love and hope, not just for us, but for your
world. In you we find healing. In you we find renewed
life. Help us to forgive, to love, to mend. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Have no fear, for God hears; God responds.

The Christ of compassion intercedes and transforms.

Let our song break forth.

Halleluia, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

PREPARATION *Be Still and Know That I Am God* Purple, No. 414

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Author of life, author of all wisdom, open us this day to hear in ancient songs new strains of your powerful love, new harmonies of hope, and a melody of wisdom to guide our day, our week, our lives. Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20 OT, pp. 244-245

ANTHEM *Halleluia, Amen* G.F. Handel

SECOND READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10 OT, pp. 245-246
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Sing Your Own Song*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *How Can I Keep from Singing* Purple, No. 821

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Purple, No. 466

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* J. Rutter

*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, you have given us talents and skills for life and for serving you. We bring to you now the fruits of our labors. Bless what we give. Receive what we offer as a sign of our gratitude for all you give. Amen.

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about the portion of 1 Samuel immediately following today's text. They will talk about the call of Samuel from 1 Samuel 3:1-20.

Today's Sermon Hymn was nominated by Bruce Caughran in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN Purple, No. 610
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Halleluia* A. Maraire

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* John Cook

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Liz Holding and Ken Lewandowski in remembrance of
Liz's sister, Sue Pact.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Bill McDowell

A Time with the Children—Pat Drinkwine

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

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Lee Knohl, Ken Lewandowski, Molly McDowell, Elaine Wall

Acolytes—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Greeters— Steve Davies, Nancy & Terry Phillips with Sarah Bowen

Our Northminster Family at Work

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*If you depart during the
postlude, please be
mindful of those still in in
worshipful
contemplation.*