

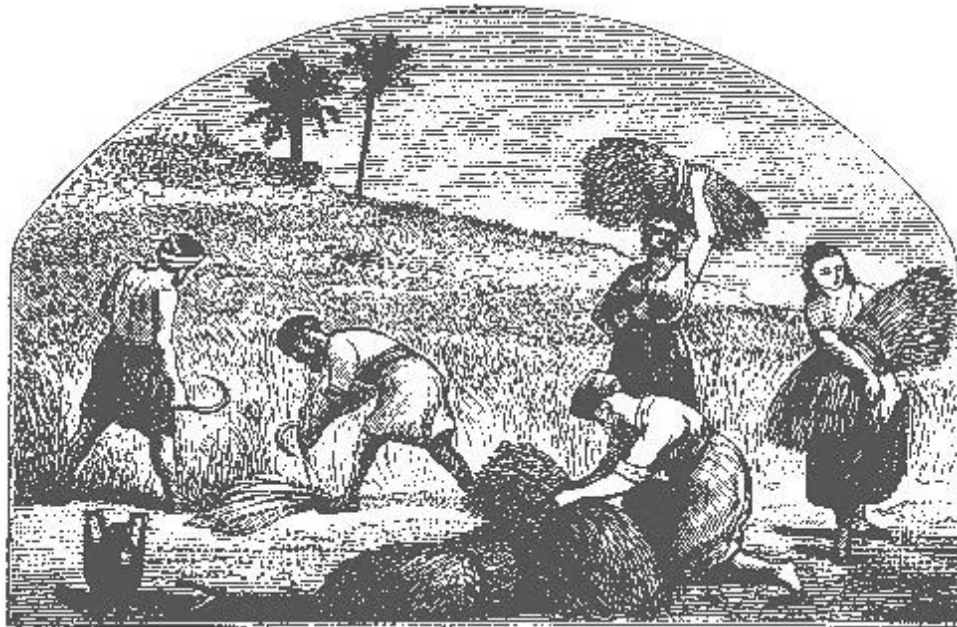
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Nun Danket Alle Gott

J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
*Piglet noted that even though he had a Very Small Heart,
it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.*

—A. A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

INTROIT

Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him
arr. Marilyn Lynn Thompson

Youth Bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!
Sounds of hope and love!

***These are moments of thanksgiving—
thanks giving to our God!***

We are God's people, led by God's love.
On this chilly fall morning, we are gathered
as with joy at the harvest.

Today's cover art is a 19th century engraving by an unknown artist, originally published with a sermon on today's text in "Farm Sermons" by C. H. Spurgeon (1843-92).

*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**.*

***These are moments of thanksgiving—
thanks giving to our God!***

God's love is never ending. God is good!

All the time! Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Here in This Place

Purple, No. 401

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

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***God of abundant grace, we confess our misuse of your
creation. We are sorry for the times when we have used
this world carelessly and acted ungratefully. We enjoy
the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you
have given them to us. We belong to a people who are
full and satisfied, but will not hear the cries of the
hungry. We are too often distracted, inattentive to our
privilege, and we fail to care enough for the world you
have made. We store up goods for ourselves, as if they
are the way to win at living. Maker of all, in your mercy,
forgive us and help us to be more mindful, more
grateful, more satisfied, more generous with the
abundance all around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

God is love.

We love because God first loved us.

If we love one another, God lives in us; God's love is
perfected in us.

***Let us go forth, sharing God's love and forgiveness.
Amen.***

*RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

Verse 1, Purple, No. 37

*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 Daniel, the
prophet placed in
the lion's den, from
the 6th chapter of
Daniel.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Do Not Be Afraid
Cherub Choir

Mark Burrows

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Blue, No. 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creating and Creative God, help us to hear your Word this day, open to the movement of your Spirit within us, this church and the world. As your Word is proclaimed, may we respond in faith and joy, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM *True Light* K. Hampton

SERMON READING Isaiah 9:1-7 OT, p. 638

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *We Are Yours, O God:
As with Joy at the Harvest*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Purple, No. 716

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in welcoming sinful humanity. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of divine love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Amazing Grace* Verse 3, Purple No. 649

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere.*

*Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
Tui beati corporis.*

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deigns to
receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be
clothed in flesh for the sake
of the lost, grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

*Response *Amazing Grace* Verse 4, Purple, No. 649

Today we conclude our Reformation 500 Sermon Series, exploring key issues of the Reformation through texts that also have spoken to our Stewardship Season and how we are stewards of the lives we have been given. Today's sermon also connects these themes with the National Day of Thanksgiving coming this week.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, by the power of your Spirit, take what we offer here; use all to meet needs and to move your world ever closer to one community of your beloved family—your coming commonwealth of compassion, justice and peace. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* Purple, No. 643

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE *Grant Me True Courage* J .S. Bach

POSTLUDE *Nun Danket Alle Gott* S. Karg-Elert

The Chancel Flowers today, given by Rosemary Nielsen, celebrate continued Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, forever and always.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Alex DeMarco

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

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;
Steve Uliana, tenor; Gabriel Walker, baritone

Ushers—Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, Ethan Sparrow

Acolytes—Claire Smith & Maddie Sitz

Our Northminster Family at Work

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