

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

GO, DO ALL YOU HAVE IN MIND



Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

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

Sarabande on 'Land of Rest'

Gerald Near

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"To know and to serve God, of course, is why we're here, a clear truth that, like the nose on your face, is near at hand and easily discernible but can make you dizzy if you try to focus on it hard.

But a little faith will see you through." — ***Garrison Keillor***

INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy

Traditional Argentine

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1 and M Kirby

What is your one comfort in life?

***That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ....
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
Jesus also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.***

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

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

What then can we say about these times?

***That held in the love of God in Christ,
we will not fear, but will live in joyful hope,
living in the truth of our calling to love God and neighbor,
and to also love who God has made me and us to be.
God's Holy name be praised!***

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

*OPENING HYMN *Fairest Lord Jesus* Purple, No. 630

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Loving God, Mother of the Church,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart nor served you with all our strength; we have been
blind to your vision of a renewed world and deaf to your
call to costly discipleship. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and
restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may
serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

The Grace of God in Christ is never apart from us.

The hope of tomorrow is that we are freed from the failures and wrongs of the past.

***We are forgiven! In thanksgiving to God, let us be at peace
and boldly seek the promise of the day.***

*RESPONSE *Halle, Halle Hallelujah!* Purple, No. 591

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about good Queen Esther and her calling to save her people, based on Esther 2:5-18, 3:1-6, 8:1-17.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Blue, No. 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Ages, we seek the wisdom of your Spirit, the same Spirit who spoke through the prophets and inspired the saints of every age. Open us to your Word, your will, and your way, that we might hear, obey and follow. In the name of your Word made flesh, our Savior and friend, Amen.

ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Dan Schutter/arr. Craig Courtney

SERMON READING Isaiah 6:1-8 OT, pp. 635-636
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *For Such a Time as This*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES FOR 2017

*HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me?* Purple, No. 726

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

As those who have been called into your family and instructed by your word to "Go and do all we have in mind" in your name, we come in gratitude for all we have.

As those in whom the Spirit is even now bearing fruit of hope, justice, compassion and peace, we come.

We dedicate our pledges and our lives to you, O God.

Multiply our work, service and worship to your glory, and make us both vessels of your grace and bearers of your justice.

We dedicate the programs and people these funds will support to you, O God.

Guide all in their discipleship, including our leaders as they prepare us in all ways, including financially, for next year.

Teach us, O God, to be your work in this world.

Encourage us to see that we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in your service. In your name, Amen.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Sanctus

Craig Courtney

During the hymn, you are invited to bring your pledge card and/or time and talent pledges forward during the hymn. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to place your pledges in the plate with the offering is passed.

For the four Sundays of Stewardship season, we have been singing one verse each week of this beloved spiritual.

Today's closing hymn was nominated for our "Something Old/ Something New" Initiative by Ruth Uchtman.

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

*Response Purple, No. 700
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (verse 4)
I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere Lord, anytime (anytime). (repeat)
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Purple, No. 339

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE Amen

POSTLUDE Paeon Michael McCabe

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Elaine and Jim Wall in thanksgiving for their parents, family and friends.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois

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—Barbara & Bob Janes, Tom Buess

Acolytes—Claire Smith & Maddie Sitz

Greeters—Karey & Doug Halverson, Sue & Tom Swigert

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

Rev. Jessica Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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