

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 FINAL SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAMARITAN CENTER SUNDAY



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

Voluntary on Old 100th

Henry Purcell

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see; I sought my God, but my God eluded me; I sought my neighbor, and I found all three."--**William Blake***

INTROIT

*Lord of All
Adult Bells*

C. Kocher

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as people of God, to worship the One who gives us life. In God's presence we see our lives more clearly, and know again who we are.

***God calls us out of separation and loneliness,
into a life of community.***

Worshipping together, caring about one another, we find out what it means to be truly human,

***We are here, as people of God, to worship and praise
God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! Amen.***

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**.*

Today's opening hymn was written 50 years ago as tensions between the US and the USSR reached a fever pitch. Its author, Dr. Catherine A. Cameron, is a retired professor of social psychology and the daughter of a pastor.

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

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will get a preview of our text for next Sunday, the prophet Daniel in the Lion's Den, taken from Daniel 6:1-28. Next Sunday, the children will be in Children's Chapel.

*OPENING HYMN

Purple, No. 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Eternal God, You have created us in love and given us, in Jesus Christ, a way to know you and ourselves more clearly. Yet in the midst of this world's confusion, brokenness and isolation, we forget who we are and become separate from you and one another. You offer to share our burdens, yet we trust in our individual efforts and find ourselves alone and exhausted. God of love, as you accept us as we are, help us to accept ourselves and one another. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives that by your grace we may live as your people in the world, making the world more nearly what you intend it to be, through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

God's grace in Christ is never apart from us.

God's will for each one of us is peace,

a peace which is God's will and our need,

Peace which is God's will and our need.

*RESPONSE

Bless the Lord (2 times)

Purple, No. 544

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION

Stay with Me (3 times)

Purple, No. 204

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your Eternal Word that does not change. May we learn from your Word, how to live guided by your love and grace, through Jesus Christ who lived your love. Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:26-31 OT, pp. 1-2

ANTHEM *Prayer (be still my soul)* J. Sibelius arr. E. Whitehall
Adult Bell Choir

SERMON READING Matthew 26:36-41 NT, p. 30
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Keeping Watch*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* Purple, No. 754

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (repeat last line)

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Nun Danket* J. Crüger, arr. L. Barrow
Adult Bell Choir

*Response *For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 3)* Purple, No. 36
For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us,
day by day and year by year, we give you our thanks. With
gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage
ourselves, with deeds done in service of neighbor and
stranger, with family and friends distant and nearby, we
worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.
Amen.***

*Today's Sermon
Hymn, with words by
Fred Kahn, was
originally written to
accompany a Bible
Study on community
and acceptance
prepared for the
Cumberland
Presbyterian Church.*

*All but one of our
Responses today
come to us from the
Taizé Community in
France. There,
Protestants and
Catholics and pilgrims
from many traditions
worship and pray
together in
community.*

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *O for a World* Purple, No. 372

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by the Fennell family.*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory and Rev. Michael Kirby

A Time with the Children—Pastor Michael

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele,
Adult Bell 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—Rob Swartzloff, Nancy & Joe Doyle

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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