

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

5TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY



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

Rockingham

C. Hubert Parry

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

"In the light of my growing trust in You, I gain wisdom through the wisdom of the Word, Your Son. In this light, I'm strong and steady. I persevere. This illumination gives me hope. This divinely confident light won't let me collapse along the journey. Instead, it teaches me the way. Without this light, I'd be walking in the dark. That's why I asked You, Eternal [God], to enlighten me with the light of the most holy hope in you."

—Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380

The cartoon above was originally published on www.cartoonchris.co.uk.

The rose in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of Callan James Rosic, son of Nick and Valerie, little brother of Oliver and grandson of George and Mary Rosic. Callan was born on January 22, 2017. We rejoice in thanksgiving, along with Callan's family, in the miracle of his birth!

INTROIT *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* F. North

When you see an asterisk (*) you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all parts in **bold italics**.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We open our hearts to you, God of Love.

We trust you with what has been, what is and what can be.

Teach us, that we might know your ways.

Guide us in our ordinary days and our extraordinary moments, that we might walk along your paths of justice and compassion.

Let us worship the One who leads us towards life and light.

Together, let us worship God!

*HYMN

God of Our Life

Purple, No. 686

OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD,
CLAIMING THE PROMISE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Word

Purple, No. 458

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Light of the World, those who sit in darkness await your spark of inspiration. Light your revealing flame in each of our hearts. Set your radiant truth aglow in our minds that we might hear, understand, and follow you. Amen.

SERMON READING

Luke 7: 1-17

NT, pp. 65-66

SERMON

When Jesus Shows Up

Today in Sunday School the children are learning about Jesus calming the storm from the Book of Matthew.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart
*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate,
Of the Virgin Mary born.
On the cross Thy sacred body
For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us, by Thy blood and water
Streaming from Thy pierced side;
Feed us with Thy body broken,
Now in death's agony!
O Jesu, hear us Son of Mary.*

*Response *For the Life That You Have Given* Purple, No. 717

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In gratitude and thanksgiving, we bring our offerings, our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Take and transform all we offer so that all that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Purple, No. 529

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Today's response was first sung at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. For our many folks who have attended Fourth in the past, this response will be familiar.

The communion liturgy is taken, in part, from Gifts in Open Hands: More Worship Resources for the Global Community by Maren Tirabassi and Kathy Wonson Eddy.

Today, as a sign that God comes to us where we are, in the midst of life, we receive communion at our seats. Remembering that we are each loved for our unique selves, when the bread comes, you are invited to eat it individually. Remembering too, that we are part of a larger community of believers, we hold the cup until all have received and then drink together.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Purple, No 353

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Cup of Water Given for You* F. North

POSTLUDE *The New Commonwealth* R. Vaughan Williams

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Susanne and John Leggett in loving memory of their parents.*

*If you leave during the
Postlude, please show
respect for those who
remain in their seats to
listen. Thank you.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica Gregory

Liturgist—Mary Rosic

A Time with the Children—Miss Meredith

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

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Pat Drinkwine, Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Dennis Trautvetter

Acolytes—Thomas & Ginevra Kellogg

Our Northminster Family at Work

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