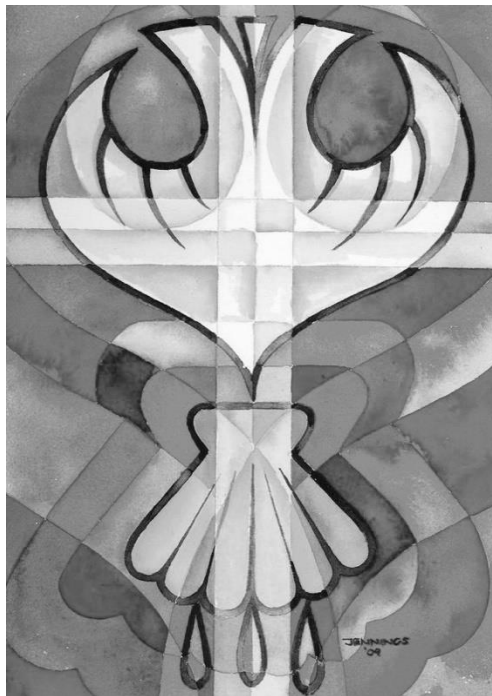


SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2018

BAPTISM OF THE LORD 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

Communion

Louis Vierne

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship
*Christ, you are like a mountain spring, a fountain of living water.
You are like a summer rain, a sudden benediction.
You are an ocean of calm beneath our raging storms.
You are a cleansing flood, a river of reconciliation,
washing away our sins.
You are a bottomless well of life-giving water,
drenching our souls and quenching our thirsting spirits
with your peace. Amen. —Rev. Sharlande Sledge*

INTROIT

We Have Put on Christ

H. Hughes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Credit to Yahweh the glory due the name of God.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Today's cover art is a contemporary rendering of two of three poignant symbols: the cross, the dove and a shell with three droplets. Together these represent the life we are being baptized into (cross/resurrection), the Holy Spirit (dove) and the tradition of a shell being used for Trinitarian baptism.

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**.*

The breath of Yahweh is over the waters.

***The God of glory thunders in storms of life-giving water
and reigns sovereign over mighty waters.***

The words of the Word made flesh are powerful.

***They are full of majesty,
yet as personal as a baby's cry.***

***We will worship and seek to be the Spirit's breath of hope
for the world.***

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Purple, No. 475

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD, CLAIMING THE PROMISE

*Today in Sunday
School the children
are learning about the
baptism of Jesus.*

*We place the
Reaffirmation of the
Baptismal Covenants
in our Gathering
Around the Word as a
reminder that God
comes to us in
welcome and grace
before we take any
action to respond. It
also permits all
baptized members to
participate.*

*In the Gospel of John,
Jesus' baptism occurs
off-stage, though
echoes of the other
gospels were heard in
last week's text
featuring John the
Baptizer. This week,
we observe the start of
Jesus' ministry—the
creation of a
community.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT (See Insert)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Remember your baptism and be glad.

In the name of God the Creator,
God the Christ, and God the Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* Purple, No. 488

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Author of Love, across the generations you call faithful
people to live as your Beloved, your Sent, your Love for
the world. Help us to hear that call this day as your Word
is proclaimed. May we respond in faith and joy, through
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen***

SERMON READING John 1:35-51 NT, pp. 92-93

SERMON *Come and See, Come and Be*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Come to the Water*

J. Foley

*Response *Gloria, Gloria* (Latin)

Purple, No. 583

*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

*COMMUNION HYMN

Purple, No. 769, verses 1-3

For Everyone Born

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

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.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Composer of over 230 songs in 20 languages, Jacques Berthier was the organist for Sante-Ignace, the small Jesuit cathedral in Paris for 40 years, and chief composer of worship music for the Taizé ecumenical worshipping community in France. Berthier was the son of two musicians and his son is today a musician and performing arts administrator with the Ministry of Culture in Dijon, France.

Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RESPONSE *For Everyone Born* Purple, No. 769, verse 5

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *You Belong to Christ* R. Hobby

POSTLUDE *Psalm XVIII* B. Marcello

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

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by the Ross and Kuo families in memory of Ming-Ming Kuo.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Michael Whitney

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

Soloists—Johanna Mofitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto; Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Abby Perry & Ashlyn Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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