

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

---

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 6, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"Until we learn to love others as ourselves, it's difficult to blame broken people who desperately try to affirm themselves when no one else will."*

**-Richard Rohr OFM**

#### INTROIT

*As the Deer*

M. Nystrom

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this place:

***where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,***  
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,  
***where God has been, is, and will always be.***

*T. Shuman*

*Today's cover art is a painting of the Apostle Paul in prison. Rembrandt van Rijn crafted it in 1627.*

*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**.*

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

***where we find God's love,***

where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,

***where the Spirit teaches us new songs.***

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

***where we bring our hunger, and find food,***

where we bring our brokenness, and find healing,

***where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.***

***Thanks be to God, Amen.***

\*HYMN

*Let Us Build a House  
(All are Welcome)*

Purple, No. 301

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

*I Can Do All Things  
Sunday School Choir*

Mark Burrows

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Spirit of the Living God* Purple, No. 288

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of wisdom, God of love, by your Spirit show us in  
the way we should go; give us strength to do so joyfully,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

SERMON READING

Philippians 1:1-18a

NT, p. 196

SERMON

*Moved to Practice Faith*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Response

*The Whisper*

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

C. Courtney

Purple, No. 698

*Our opening hymn was written by Marty Haugen. Marty is a liturgical composer, workshop presenter, performing and recording artist and author from Eagan, Minnesota. He has written hundreds of sacred songs, including "Shepherd Me, O God," a response often sung in our worship services.*

*Today in Sunday School the younger children are learning about how an angel frees Peter as told in Acts and the 4th and 5th graders are learning about the Cross, as Paul describes it in Romans.*

\*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. 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

***Life that never ends!***

Here and now Christ feeds the world.

***Plenty for all, enough for today.***

Come to the table of justice and joy.

***No one will be turned away,***

***None in need will go wanting.***

Let praise go up to God our life!

***From every creature on God's good earth.***

How right it is to praise you gracious God,...

That he breathed on us the peace of God.

***We remember that he called us friends. He taught us to love each other as he loved us.***

We remember that he feasted with the poor and the rich, with strangers and friends. To eat with him was to taste how good you are.

***Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and our hands have made. May it be for all the Bread of Life! Bless this cup, fruit of the vine and work of our hands. May it be for all the Cup of Peace!***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Our communion hymn's author is Susan Palo Cherwien. Susan received a Master's degree from Mundelein College, the last private, independent, Roman Catholic women's college in Illinois. It was located on the edge of the Rogers Park and Edgewater neighborhoods on the far north side of Chicago. In the early 1990s the college was incorporated into Loyola University Chicago.*

*Today's communion liturgy is modified from one developed for the annual gathering of The Well, Pastor Michael's clergy group that meets annually to present papers and sermons on preaching texts for the coming year. Last month, the group met in Charlotte, North Carolina.*

*As a sign that God comes to us where we are, today 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 drink together.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*      Purple, No. 546

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE      *Psalm 113*

POSTLUDE

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by  
Linda Beckstedt in celebration of the life of her father, Robert Nienow.*

*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 C. Gregory

*Liturgist*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Kate Lee, the Chancel Choir, and the  
Sunday School Choir

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

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

## Our Northminster Family at Work

### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Alex DeMarco—*Director of Youth Ministry*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Carey Garrison—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

Claudinetta Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Assistant/  
Sunday Nursery Assistant*

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

Athina Sato—*Financial Secretary*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

Gretchen Wooldridge—*Moderator of  
the Deacon Board*

Members—*Ministers*

***Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston IL 60201  
847.869.9210 [www.northminpres.org](http://www.northminpres.org)***