

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 1, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

Nimrod

Edward Elgar

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"...one can say that the Psalmist thinks of the thunder as a symbol of the divine voice, with its transcendent and unattainable mystery, that breaks into created reality in order to disturb and terrify it, but which in its innermost meaning is a word of peace and harmony."

—Pope John Paul II

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Re: Worship, Peter K. Perry

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**.*

The composer of our opening hymn, Herbert Brokering, is the author of over 30 devotional books, thousands of lyrics and poems, and collaborations with over 50 composers. In 2005, Rev. Brokering wrote a jazz cantata, Beloved Son, with Dave Brubeck, based on flowing water, linked to the life of Jesus.

As we celebrate Christmas in July, today in Sunday School the preschoolers are learning about the Wise Men and their visit to see Jesus. Our elementary school children are learning about Joseph as he is described in Matthew.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

*HYMN

Earth and All the Stars!

Purple, No. 26

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit of the Living God

Purple, No. 288

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We approach your word carefully, O God, anxious it has something powerful and challenging to say. Calm our fearful hearts, grant us courageous ears and willing minds. Grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may understand and respond as you will, and follow your way. Amen.

SERMON READING

Psalm 29

OT, p. 504

SERMON

Above All

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

How Beautiful

Twila Paris

*Response *Our God Is an Awesome God*

Purple, No. 616

*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

In the Singing

Purple, No. 533

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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

Bring us together and protect us in your community...

God, Holy Spirit, lead us to a knowledge of your truth. Let us grow together in one body and give us strength for each day of our lives, so that we might praise the Creator with one mouth each morning and at the approach of night, that we might be strong in readiness for the day when you will lead us to eternal light. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Purple, No. 23

Today's 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 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.

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Materna

Kevin Norris

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Marilyn Woodman in memory of her husband, Dr. Forrest J. Woodman.



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

Liturgist—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

A Time with the Children—Pastor Michael

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele

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

Acolytes—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Our Northminster Family at Work

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