

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 24, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ASP WELCOME HOME



Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT[®]

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.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

PRELUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Johannes Michel

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

God, thank you for giving us courage to answer your call to serve. Thank you for the strength to stand with those who are struggling and hurting, to speak for those who have no voice and to serve folks in Knox and Harlan Counties faithfully to make homes warmer, safer and drier while meeting everyone right where they are, just the way they are. May we continue to hear your call to serve as we return to our worlds and lives, forever changed by our journey. Amen.

Today's cover art is the logo of ASP, the Appalachia Service Project, integrating the hammer and the cross to symbolize both the work done and the One who motivates it.

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**.*

INTROIT/PROCESSIONAL *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*LITANY OF PRAYER AND ENCOUNTER

We have returned. We fixed, painted, scrubbed, built, proclaimed, and lifted spirits.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We've learned, prayed, cried, sung, laughed, and prayed some more. We've grown closer to each other and to you, our God.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We're not the same people you sent out. It's not that we found God, but rather God found us.

Well done, good and faithful servants!

We discovered our own needs while responding to the needs of others. We know we have grown; we have been changed forever.

We give thanks to God for our neighbors in Kentucky and lift them into your care, O God. We give thanks for all that you will do with us and with the labors of this past week.

Amen.

TESTIMONY

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Purple, No. 69

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

TESTIMONY

RESPONSE

The Summons

Verses 1 & 2, Purple, No. 726

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

Purple, No. 458

This year, our ASP teams were in two different counties in central Kentucky: Harlan and Knox. Knox was the first county served by ASP, almost 50 years ago. In both counties, over 1/3 of the total population lives in poverty. By comparison, in Evanston, 12.1% of the population lives with incomes below what would be considered poverty wages, though that figure is artificially skewed higher by the presence of full-time students.

As they prepare to kick off our Christmas in July programs, the children are learning about the Christmas story. Our elementary students will learn about Mary, Jesus' mother, at the time of Jesus' birth as told in Luke. Our preschoolers will learn about Mary's visit to Elizabeth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that as the word is read and proclaimed, we may hear your message with joy and respond with conviction and hope. Amen.

ANTHEM *Will the Circle Be Unbroken?*

SERMON READING Isaiah 6:8 OT, p. 636
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Call(ed) to Action*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* Purple, No. 761

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Amazing Grace*

*Response *We Are an Offering* Purple, No. 710

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. As those who have been loved in so many ways, we thank you. And you call us to follow your example—to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and the outsider finds welcome. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Come! Live in the Light* Purple, No. 749

In both Knox and Harlan counties, over 40% of household incomes are under \$20,000. Around 4% of Evanston median household incomes are under \$20,000.

In Harlan County, 41% of children live in poverty and in Knox country 48% do. Both about double the national average of 21%.

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

Last year, the Appalachia Service Project had a profound impact on making homes warmer, safer and drier while also transforming the lives of the volunteers. A total of 16,231 people served, helping 493 families and constructing 26 new homes!

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

In the Highways

POSTLUDE

Once More, My Soul

George Shearing

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Pam and Paul Rolfe in celebration of all who made houses warmer, safer and drier in Appalachia this past week.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgists and Testimony—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory, ASP Participants

A Time with the Children—Alex DeMarco

Musicians—Paul Vander Weele, Howard Levy, ASP Participants

Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Ben Buettell, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg

Acolytes—Nathan Gregory & Shane Macris

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 Ohlogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children's Ministry*

Alex DeMarco—*Director of Youth Ministry*

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

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Claudiette Voltaire—*Sunday Nursery Assistant*

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Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

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Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

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