

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHY SCRIPTURE?



### 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

*Dunlap's Creek*

James Biery

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"[S]cripture has authority for Christians because they have learned as a forgiven people they must also be able to forgive.... The world, under the illusion that power and violence rule history, assumes that it has no need to be forgiven. Part of the meaning of the "world," therefore, is it is that which assumes it needs no scripture, since it lives not by memory made possible by forgiveness, but by power."*

*—Stanley Hauerwas, Professor of Theological Ethics, Duke Divinity School & Duke University School of Law.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

***We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another, and there find reflections both of God and all of those with whom God has dwelled forever.***

*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**.*

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat, the echo of the narratives of the faithful.

***We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives...then, now, and forever. Amen.***

\*HYMN                      *Come Sing, O Church in Joy*                      Purple, No. 305

\*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

***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                      Acts 13:17-38                      NT, p. 132-133

SERMON                      *Why Scripture? This Is Our Story*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Response

*Ride on King Jesus*

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Hall Johnson

Purple, No. 698

*Today we conclude our Why Scripture? Sermon Series. Next Sunday we start the Matthew year of the Narrative Lectionary. Our new "Living the Word" Sunday School class, which will examine the Narrative Lectionary Texts more deeply each week, kicks off on September 16th at 11:05 with a special introductory class led by Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hopp-Peters who will be one of the faculty for the "Living the Word" class.*

\*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 *One Bread, One Body* Purple, No. 530

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.....proclaim 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.***

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...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

***Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC *I Love the Lord* Isaac Watts

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story* Purple, No. 462

*Our communion hymn was written and composed by John B. Foley, making specific reference to chapters 12 and 16 of First Corinthians and Galatians 3. Foley is a Jesuit priest and director of the Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University.*

*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. Thanks!*

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE      *Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine*      Christopher Tambling

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Nan Shorey celebrating the excitement and joy of Northminster under Michael and Jessica's amazing ministry. We are so blessed!*



## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Nan Shorey

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Johanna Moffitt

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

*Acolytes*—Alec Carroll & Nathan Gregory

## Our Northminster Family at Work

### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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