

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

19TH 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

*Preludio 'Sine Nomine'*

Herbert Howells

*Today's cover photo is called "Joseph's Dream," by an unknown artist.*

A Question as You Prepare for Worship  
*Sometimes it seems as though our prayers  
are designed to bend God's will to our own.  
How might our lives and expectations be different if our prayers  
were designed to bend our wills to God's?*

#### INTROIT

*Morning Has Broken*

Arr. Beverly Howard

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 105:1-5*

With thanksgiving, O God, we call on your name and make your deeds known to all people:

***by praising you in liturgy and songs which tell of your wonderful works.***

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

*An asterisk\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

Let us experience glory even in the mere mention of your name, letting our hearts be filled with joy and praise.

***We rejoice, for our strength comes from God,  
whose presence we seek in every moment.***

Let us forget neither the creative and gracing acts of God nor the loving decrees of our Maker.

***We will glory in proclaiming God's names—holy Parent,  
gracing Christ, ever present Spirit—as our hearts overflow  
with delight and praise! Let us worship God!***

\*OPENING HYMN

Purple, No. 5

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***We confess, O God, all the times when we are in particular  
need of your help to overcome our weaknesses, our anger, and  
our fears. We are afraid to look at ourselves and our motives to  
ponder how differently we would act if we always walked in the  
promises that you are ever with us and your will for us is  
wholeness and joy. Forgive us when our lips gladly confess that  
Jesus is Lord but our actions do not reflect that belief. Merciful  
God, renew our faith in your grace so that we can live in the  
assurance of your loving will, strengthening us and empowering  
us every day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

In Christ, grace means the past does not define us,

***Freeing us to claim the lives we were born to live,***

Freeing us to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven.

***Alleluia, Amen!***

\*RESPONSE

*Change My Heart, O God*

Purple, No. 695

Refrain: ***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.***

***Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.***

***You are the Potter; I am the clay.***

***Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

(repeat refrain)

\*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION     *Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)*     Purple, No. 701  
***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Steadfast Spirit, by your Word and will,  
we have abundant life.  
Speak to us this day so that we might understand your  
will and seek it with joy and commitment all of our days.  
Amen.***

FIRST READING     Genesis 37: 3-8, 17b-22, 26-34     OT, p. 34

ANTHEM             *Joseph's Dreams*             A. L. Webber  
From "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

SECOND READING     Genesis 50:15-21             OT, p. 48  
This is the word of the Lord.             ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON            *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN   *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)*   Purple, No. 625

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE            O Lord, Hear My Prayer             Purple, No. 471  
                          *(The Lord is My Song)*  
***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;  
All my hope comes from God.  
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:  
God, the well-spring of life.***

### SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory            *Any Dream Will Do*             A. L. Webber  
From "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

\*Response            *Doxology*                     Purple, No. 606

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will continue learning about Joseph, including parts of his story not in our preaching text today, but concluding with our text from Genesis 50.

Today's Sermon Hymn was nominated by three different members of Northminster in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

We received a special request for the traditional words for the Doxology in "Something Old, Something New." Normally, we sing No. 607.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous God, from your bounty, we have life. From our bounty, offered here in gratitude, may you bring life for your church and your world. Amen.***

*Today's closing hymn was nominated by three different folks in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative and was Pastor Michael's favorite hymn as a child.*

*If you depart during the postlude, please be mindful of those still in in worshipful contemplation.*

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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| *CLOSING HYMN        | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>                       | Purple, No. 1   |
| *CHARGE AND BLESSING |   |                 |
| *CLOSING RESPONSE    | <i>God Be with You<br/>Till We Meet Again</i> | R.V. Williams   |
| POSTLUDE             | <i>Consolation</i>                            | George Shearing |

*The Chancel Flowers are given by Betty Mack in memory of her parents, brother and son, Bill, and in honor of her brother's 91st birthday today.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby*

*Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory*

*A Time with the Children—Meredith Rogowski*

*Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir*

*Choral Soloists—Sarah Schroeder, soprano; Jackie King, alto;*

*Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass*

*Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Linda Beckstedt, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg*

*Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith*

### Our Northminster Family at Work

#### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

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