

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2018 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Solemn Processional

Robert A. Harris

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing."

—Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche

INTROIT

Sing to the Lord a New Song

D. Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thom Shuman

We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

***with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.***

Today's cover art is entitled "The Wedding at Cana," by an anonymous artist, from a church wall in Thessaloniki, Greece.

African American composer Robert A. Harris, born in 1938, was Director of Choral Organizations at Northwestern, as well as director of church choirs on the North Shore. This prelude was written in 1985 for the wedding of a friend.

L'Arche is an intentional community of able-bodied and profoundly developmentally disabled folks living together in a community of mutual care. There are 147 L'Arche communities in 37 countries.

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**.

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about the calling of the disciples.

We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

***with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.***

We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

***with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light. Amen.***

*HYMN *Gather Us In (Here in This Place)* Purple, No. 401

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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 Purple, No. 288
Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, who brings power to the powerless, and is foolishness to the wise, open us to your transforming, prophetic Word. Challenge us anew with fresh vistas of your grace and call upon our lives and being. Amen.

ANTHEM *Praise the Lord* G.F. Handel

SERMON READING John 2:1-11 NT, p. 93
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *An Idea Whose Time Has Come*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Service of Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Presentation of the Candidates Greg Boyer, Clerk of Session

Congregational Affirmations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? Do you?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you?

I will, with God's help.

*Apostles' Creed

(Traditional) Purple, p. 35

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

To the Candidates

To the Congregation

Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism and marked as your own. Bless them that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern and care for your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead and serve with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Welcome

*HYMN

Come! Live in the Light!

Purple, No. 749

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE (Refrain only)

Purple, No. 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Let Justice Roll

M. Hogan

*Response

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Purple, No. 698

In this service of ordination and installation of our church officers, we affirm their calls by God to serve in these unique leadership capacities. These individuals are set apart to the ministries of Deacon and Ruling Elder. A person is ordained to a position only one time; if they are called to serve in the same role again, they are installed to that position. Once ordained, a person is always ordained, but they are installed for a particular term of service.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We have received so much from you, Generous God, that we can't imagine that what we can offer here could ever compare. Still, in gratitude we offer these gifts and our lives, knowing that you can accomplish great and wonderful things even through us. In the name of our Brother, Friend, and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Purple, No. 339

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *God Has Done Marvelous Things* D. Johnson

POSTLUDE *Te Deum* Marc Charpentier

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

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Hortie Kellogg in loving memory of his beloved Marge and their daughter, Karen Kellogg James.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Kimberly Gartner

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele and the Chancel Choir

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

Ushers—Tom Buess, Leslie Noble

Acolytes—Nathan Gregory & Henry Rogowski

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's Ministry*

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*

Davit Hovakimyan—*Facilities Manager*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

Tom Buess—*Moderator of Deacons*

Members—*Ministers*

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