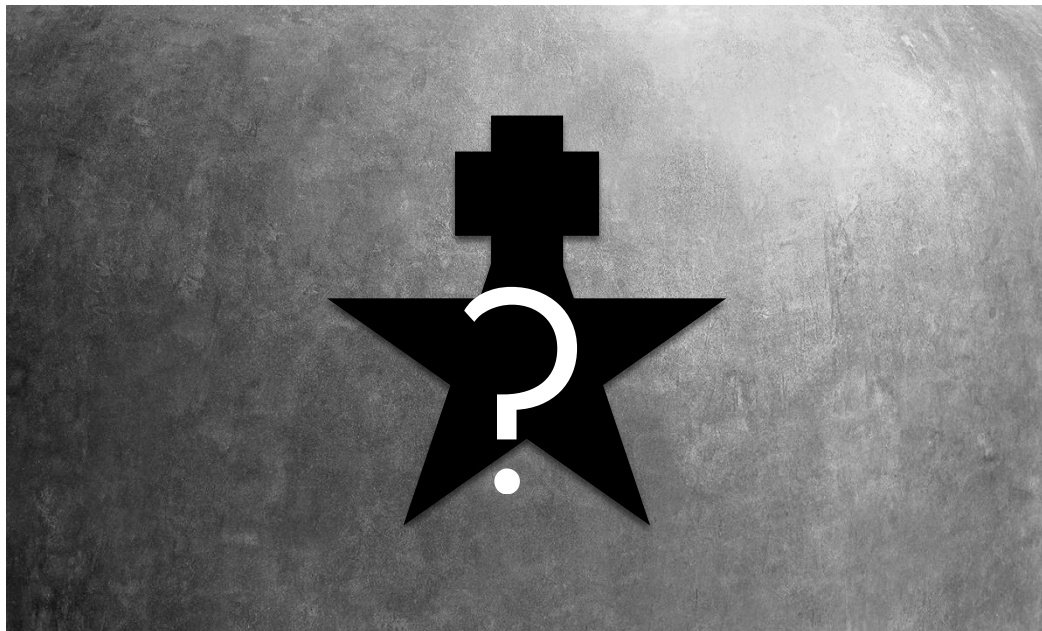


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Intrata 2*

Herbert Howells

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

*In a July 2016 conversation with Judith Rodin, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, when asked who, living or dead, he would most like to have a conversation over dinner with, Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of "Hamilton," responded, "I have a ton of questions for Jesus."*

INTROIT

*When Broken Bodies Will Not Mend*

Carolyn Gillette

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus, we come to worship today,

***beginners in the school of beginning.***

You are the harbinger of hope for those in despair,  
bringer of light after a long season of darkness.

***Begin a new thing in us today,  
new ways of thinking,***

*C. Penner, alt.*

*The golden background with the black star has become an icon associated with the musical Hamilton, which opens with a song that asks, "What's your name, man?" Today we ponder John asking Jesus a similar question.*

Please join in on the liturgy 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.

*Our Call to Worship is modified from one written by Canadian Mennonite leader Carol Penner.*

*new ways of living, new ways of being a reconciling community.*

***We pray this together as people of peace,  
as a people longing for peace, your peace,  
peace that passes understanding. Amen.***

\*HYMN      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*      Purple, No. 440, vss. 1-3

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives  
and fail to see your hand at work in us and around us.  
Our ignorance and arrogance cause us to misuse what  
you have entrusted to our care. We have also been timid  
in proclaiming your Gospel both with our lives and our  
words. Too often we have narrowed our vision to see  
and encounter only those who look, believe or worship  
like us, forgetting to share your loving grace to the ends  
of the earth. Revive our souls once again; show us anew  
your paths of love, justice, and peace. Guided by your  
Holy Spirit, may we be peacemakers and, when the  
gospel demands it, troublemakers in our daily living.  
Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

***Let us declare the Good News!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

\*RESPONSE      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*      Purple, No. 440, vs. 4

\*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      *Be Still and Know*      Purple, No. 414

*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 hear  
about Jesus' teaching  
that the people should  
be doers of the Word  
and not just hearers,  
using the parable of the  
houses built on rock  
and sand.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*A. Loving, alt.*

***Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear  
your Word proclaimed this day.  
Open our minds and hearts to be changed.  
Free us from the distractions of worry, fear, envy,  
and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow  
you more faithfully. Amen.***

ANTHEM *God Be in My Head* H. Walford-Davies

SERMON READING Luke 7:18-35 NT, p. 66  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *What's Your Name, Man?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Purple, No. 263

STATEMENT OF FAITH

*B. Prewer*

***I believe in truth as a living Reality,  
not captured in theory or a creed,  
but revealed to those who love;  
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.  
Because I believe I trust,  
not blindly but open eyed and bold  
as a child climbing into a mother's lap;  
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.  
Because I believe I serve,  
not as a slave that serves a tyrant  
but like farmers reaping a harvest;  
the truth of Jesus, the Spirit of truth, the truth of God.***

*Rev. Bruce Prewer, author of this morning's Statement of Faith, is one of the most renowned liturgical poets of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He is a retired pastor in the Uniting Church in Australia tradition who served congregations in Tasmania, Victoria and South Australia. This year will mark the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of his ordination.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Amen, We Praise Your Name* Purple, No. 598

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Response *Take, O Take Me as I Am* Purple, No. 698

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Loving God, how lavishly you pour out the costly gift of your grace upon us. How grateful we are that you fill our homes and our lives with the embrace of your love, so that we may show your glory and serve your people. In gratitude, we ask that you use what we offer here including our very lives, to bring about your coming commonwealth of peace; through Jesus Christ, our savior, friend and Lord. Amen.***

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* Purple, No. 543

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE *Your Spirit Gives Us* Carolyn Gillette

POSTLUDE *Grand Choeur* Theodore Dubois

*The Chancel Flowers, given by Rosemary Nielsen, celebrate continued Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, forever and always.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

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

*Choral Soloists*—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

*Ushers*—Tom Buess & Leslie Noble

*Acolytes*—Sydney & Chloe Ross

## Our Northminster Family at Work

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Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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