

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 21, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### 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.*

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"He planted churches the way Johnny Appleseed planted trees. And whenever he had ten minutes to spare, he wrote letters. He bullied. He coaxed. He comforted. He cursed. He bared his soul. He reminisced. He complained. He theologized. He inspired. He exulted. Punch-drunk and Christ-drunk, he kept in touch with everybody."*

*—F. Buechner on the Apostle Paul*

*Today's cover art is a contemporary photo of the ruins of the Cathedral of St. Paul in the ancient city of Antioch, originally built in the 4th century, C.E. It was believed to be near the site of the church he helped found in the mid-40s C.E.*

#### PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

Lani Smith

#### INTROIT

*As Dew Falls Gently at Dawn*

Soon Sae Kim

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are seeking wholeness.

***Come, all who know we cannot do this alone.***

Come, all who know how fruitless it is to live only by following rules.

***God has done what we cannot do.***

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.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of steadfast love, by the guidance of your Spirit  
instruct and teach us in the way we should go, through  
Jesus Christ our Savior and Friend. Amen.***

ANTHEM

*We Adore Thee*

G. Aichinger

SERMON READING

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

NT, pp. 187-188

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

*The Rest of the Story*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Purple, Page 37, paragraph 2

*Brief of Statement of Faith*

\*HYMN

*There Is Now a New Creation*

Purple, No. 774

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Purple, No. 307, v. 4

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.***

***Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.***

***Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.***

***Serving thee whom we adore.***

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*O Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

L.T. da Vittoria

\*Response

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Purple, No. 698

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***We give you thanks, O God, for the great love that you  
have lavished upon us in Christ Jesus. Teach us to share  
this love with others, bringing good news of your holy  
realm to all the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.***

*Paragraph 2 is the  
"Jesus Section" of the  
Brief Statement of  
Faith.*

*This hymn, with  
words by Dr. David  
Gambrell, the  
Associate for Worship  
in the Office of  
Theology and  
Worship of the PC  
(USA), with a tune  
composed in 1704 by  
Christian Witt, is  
published for the first  
time in our new  
hymnal.*

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*      Purple, No. 703

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE      *As Light Shines Forth from the Sun*      Soon Saw Kim

POSTLUDE      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*      David Cherwien

*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 Janis Peltier in memory of her mother and father, Mary and John Janosek, and her brothers, Charles and John*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Becky Wanberg

*A Time with the Children*—Meredith Rogowski

*Musician*—Dr. Christopher Owen and the Chancel Choir

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

*Ushers*—Lee Knohl & Molly McDowell

*Acolytes*—Anabelle Brown & Maddie Sitz

### Our Northminster Family at Work

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