

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 28, 2017

SEVENTH 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.*

#### PRELUDE

*Andante from Voluntary*

J. James

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

*Holy and Compassionate God,*

*so direct our strength and inspire our weakness that we may enter with power into the movement of your whole creation towards wholeness, justice and peace. Amen.*

— Engraved on the walls of Christ Church Cathedral  
in Vancouver, British Columbia

#### INTROIT

*Morning Has Broken*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us hold fast to what is good,

***Rejoice in hope and persevere in prayer,***

Give joyfully in love,

***Stand firm in one spirit,***

*Strive side by side with one mind,*

***And worship God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.***

***Let us worship God!***

*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."

\*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* Purple, No. 317

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Ever-loving, ever-living God, you have given us life itself and have asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But too often we have cared more about ourselves than the welfare of all of your children. The world aches for peace, while too often we speak the language of power instead. People on our streets go homeless and we ensure our doors are locked before thinking about them. God, give us the purpose that you gave to the people of the early church, to ever seek to be faithful disciples, following your Way. Through Christ we pray. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Hear and believe the good news: God reaches out to us again and again, that we might turn away from what is destructive and turn toward what is life-giving.

***God reaches out to us with forgiveness, assuring us that we are beloved children, equipping us for service to our neighbors.***

God forgives us, encourages us, and frees us to love others.

***Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!***

\*RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God* Purple, No. 695

\*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 Verse 1, Purple, No. 451  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God of wisdom, God of love, by your Spirit show us in the way we should go; give us strength to do so joyfully, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.***

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about the missionary journeys of Paul and Silas as found in Acts 16:25-34.

ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* Stainer

SERMON READING Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 NT, pp. 188-189  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered...Not*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN *We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight* Purple, No. 817

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### MEMORIAL DAY LITANY

We remember and honor those service members whose lives were given in service to us:

***The 4,435 who died in the Revolutionary War,***

The 6,765 who died in the War of 1812,

***The 13,283 who lost their lives in the Mexican War,***

The 2,446 who died in the Spanish-American War,

***The 116,708 souls who were lost in service during World War One,***

The 407,316 who gave the last full measure of devotion in World War Two,

***The 33,651 American service personnel lost in the Korean War,***

The 58,168 who died in our service in the Vietnam War,

***The 268 lost in the Persian Gulf War,***

The 4,424 women and men lost during the Iraq War, and

***The 2,396 lost thus far in the Afghanistan conflict, the longest in our nation's history. May our efforts at peace bear fruit so this litany need never grow. Amen.***

### SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *River in Judea* J. Feldman, arr. J. Leavitt

\*Response *We Lift Our Voices* Purple, No. 710

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous God, for all we have, for all we are, we give thanks. Take us and what we offer here and use them to demonstrate your gracing love to all the world. Amen.***

*The statistics for our Memorial Day Litany were obtained from official government records. It has not been the tradition to include those killed in the Civil War in Memorial Day observations, but we note that it is estimated that combined losses of life in that war totaled over 530,000, perhaps far more.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *Now There is No Male or Female*      Purple, No. 493

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE      *Amen*

POSTLUDE      *Vivace from Voluntary*      J. James

*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 Heather and Andy Eloff in celebration of 21 years of marriage. Praise be to God for His gift of Grace.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*A Time with the Children*—Paige Steers

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

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

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

*Acolytes*—Shane Macris & Merritt Wooldridge

## Our Northminster Family at Work

### PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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

Rev. Jessica Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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