

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 22, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TRINITY SUNDAY



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

Fugue in C-sharp minor

Arthur Honegger

*A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
A Christian is one who is on the way, though not necessarily very far along it, and who has at least some dim and half-baked idea of whom to thank. A Christian isn't necessarily any nicer than anybody else.
Just better informed.—Frederick Buechner*

*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.*

INTROIT

*Into the Woods My Master Went
Youth Bell Choir*

Peter Lutkin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from John 14

Do not let your hearts be troubled

We will trust in God; we will trust in Jesus Christ.

Jesus shows us the way to live, indeed it is the Way we will journey from now on.

As we make our way,

Christ will draw us near to be with Him.

Let us boldly set out on a journey whose ending is not known to us,

Trusting that the One we follow will shepherd us into new life and new hope.

*HYMN

Purple, No. 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Holy God, You are the anchor amidst our fears. You know our failings before we can utter them, even those we can't admit to ourselves let alone you. You are faithful even when we are not, even when we insist on going our own way. You offer grace even when all we can do is judge ourselves and others. Forgive us, God. Help us overcome our fears and our arrogance. Help us once again to see your will, to follow in your Way of love, grace, justice and peace. In short, O God, help us to be faithful. Help us to live as people of hope, shaped by Your gracing love that calls us to move on, in hope and joy. 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

O God, You Are My God

Purple, No. 743

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. (repeat)

***I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.***

***And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.***

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS *God Is So Good* Paul Makai
 Holy Holy Holy Reginald Heber

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE VERSES

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Spirit of the Living God* Purple, No. 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Transforming Spirit of Christ, by your Word and your will, we have life. Speak a fresh word to your children this day that we and our world might be made new, that we might see the way you would have us follow and respond with joy and commitment. Amen.

FIRST READINGS *John 10:14-16* NT, p. 103
 Psalms 100 OT, p. 552

ANTHEM *Gloria* W.A. Mozart

SERMON READING *John 14:1-7* NT, p. 108
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Stump the Pastor: Except through Me*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *All People That on Earth do Dwell* Purple, No. 385

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me!* Purple, No. 188, verse 1
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. (3x)
The Bible tells me so.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Today the Sunday School children are reciting their memory verses: John 3:16, Luke 1:46-47, Romans 12:12, John 20:29 and Ephesians 2:8.

This week in Sunday School, the Refugee Task Force is joining the children to teach a lesson about refugees to 1st through 5th grades. Preschool and Kindergarten will have a similar lesson in their classrooms taught by their regular Sunday School teachers.

Today's "Stump the Pastor" question was submitted by Heidi Niggli.

Call to Offering

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River* A. Copland
Matthew Brennan, Baritone

*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In thanksgiving we offer these gifts and our very lives to you, O God. Take all and with them, transform your world with creativity, commitment, and compassion as we live your love every day. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* Purple, No. 1

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Jesus, Light of Joy*

POSTLUDE *Allegro* Bach/Vivaldi

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Linda Beckstedt in celebration and memory of the May birthdays of
her parents, Doreen and Bob Nienow.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois & Pastor Jessica

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Chancel Choir,
Sunday School & Cherub Choirs, Youth Bell Choir

Choral Soloists—Sarah Schroeder, soprano; Jackie King, alto;
Dennis Kalup, tenor; Matthew Brennan, baritone

Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, John Morrison

Acolytes—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Greeters—Ethan, Gemma & Alafair Sparrow, Carol & Bob Lounsbury

*If you depart during
the postlude, please
be aware that some
remain in worshipful
contemplation until it
is complete.*

Our Northminster Family at Work

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