

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 11, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ASP COMMISSIONING



### 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

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Johannes Michel

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"What is a drop of rain, compared to the storm? What is a thought, compared to the mind? Our unity is full of wonder which our tiny individualism cannot even conceive." –Humorist/writer Ken Levine*

#### INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Tom Shuman, alt.*

We have traveled through many waters to reach this place,

***But share one baptism;***

We arrive from different backgrounds and traditions,

***Yet share one faith;***

*An asterisk\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

*Our opening hymn was chosen because today is Trinity Sunday in the liturgical calendar.*

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

*Today in Summer Sunday School, the children are learning about Noah's Ark from Genesis 6:8-22.*

We are, each of us, unique and precious to God,  
***And are members of one Body;***  
We have different dreams and doubts,  
***Yet our hearts beat with one hope;***  
We are graced with different gifts,  
***So we may offer them in service to one Lord.***  
***Let us worship God!***

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

\*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      *Sanctuary*      Purple, No. 701

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving,  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Spirit of Christ, by your Word and your will, we have life.  
So speak to your children this day that we and our world  
might be made new, that we might understand the way  
you would have us go and respond with hope and  
conviction. Amen.***

ANTHEM      *Bright Morning Star*      Squatrito

SERMON READING      Ephesians 4:1-7, 12-16      pp. 193-194  
This is the word of the Lord.      ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON      *Constructing Unity, Building a New World*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

*Together We Serve*

Purple, No. 767

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE

*We go to be present with one another, the ASP staff,  
and the families we will serve and get to know.*

Love God. Love Neighbor.

*We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in  
the lives of others, to make homes warmer, safer, and  
drier.*

Love God. Love Neighbor.

*We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.*

Love God. Love Neighbor.

*We go so we can come back, empowered to work for a  
just world for all.*

***As you go, we go with you: awed by God's wonder, present  
with our prayers, changed by your commitment, and  
empowered to work together upon your return for a just  
world for all. Amen***

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

RESPONSE

*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Purple, No. 698, 2x

***Take, O take me as I am.  
Summon out what I shall be.  
Set Your seal upon my heart  
And live in me.***

### OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

#### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Grant Us Thy Peace*

F. Mendelssohn

\*Response

*We Lift Our Voices*

Purple, No. 710

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***In gratitude, 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 strive to live your love every  
day. Amen.***

For our Commissioning, all ASP participants are invited to fill the aisles, standing close enough that those in the pews can lay hands on you during the prayer. In the litany, *ASP participants say the Italics*, Pastor Jessica says the plain text and ***everyone else reads the bold italics.***

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN                      *We All Are One in Mission*                      Purple, No. 733

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE    *God Be with You 'til We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE            *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*    George Shearing

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by Bob & Rita Bailey in honor of Marilyn Woodman.*

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Pastor Jessica

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

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

*Ushers*—Tom Buess & Leslie Geibel

*Acolytes*—Chloe Ross & Maddie Sitz

## 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*

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*

Gina DiBenedetto—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

Ami Bauman—*Coordinator of Mom's Morning Out*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudiette Voltaire—*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*

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