

Service as Worship Sunday at Northminster

June 18, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

HYMN

Here in This Place

Purple No. 401

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR GRACE

re: Worship, alt.

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to go home instead or to go to the workplace to finish something more important. Yet we yearn to be more centered on you.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's steadfast love redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven. Thanks Be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* Purple No. 591

SCRIPTURE Galatians 5: 13-26 NT, pp. 190-191

MEDITATION

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

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

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.

*HYMN/BLESSING *Now Go in Joy* Purple No. 745

SHARING THE PEACE

SERVICE AS WORSHIP

Worship Participants
Rev. Jessica Gregory and Paul Vander Weele