

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 2, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

"Words make you think.

Music makes you feel.

A song makes you feel a thought." E.Y. "Yip" Harburg

PRELUDE

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 91

Our trust—

is in you, O God, and in you alone.

We rejoice—

that your love for us is stronger than our fear.

Let us worship God—

who is our refuge and strength and the source of our peace.

*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Purple, No. 305

Today's cover art is a photo taken by Amy Williams on KY-1088, one of the roads her team traveled every day during ASP this year. We thank Amy for permission to use it here.

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."

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Loving God, whose greatness is beyond our imagining, you have been forbearing with humanity from the beginning. Please continue with that saving patience. Look upon and within each of us as we humble ourselves before you. Uncover and reprimand everything that is discordant and all that does not ring true. Create in us a spirit of honest repentance. Enable us to get rid of self-justifications, and to make room for your forgiveness and renewal. For your love's sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

This is the good news

***By the gracing mercy of God, we have been forgiven;
We have been made new people in Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

*RESPONSE

In My Life

Vs. 1, Purple, No. 468

***In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.***

*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

In My Life

Vs. 3, Purple, No. 468

***In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creative Spirit, in the melodies and harmonies of scripture, you have composed with writers across the ages a song of God's love for humanity. By your guide, may they sing a new song to us this day which becomes a part of us, that our lives might sing your love and praise, your grace and peace, for all of your children. Amen.

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will explore faith in the context of the diversity and freedom that are central to the great American experiment.

CANTED PSALM

Psalm #96

You are invited to join in singing on the refrain:

***O sing a new song to the Lord,
Sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.***

SERMON READING

Psalm 8

OT, p. 492

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Words Are Not Enough

In this month-long sermon series on the Psalms, from time to time, Pastor Michael or one of our soloists may cant, or sing responsively, a Psalm setting. Today's setting is by Helen L. Wright (text) and Hal Hopson (music), from 1984.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

My Life Flows On

Purple, No. 821

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Vs. 1, Purple, No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

In My Life

Vs. 4, Purple, No. 468

***In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.***

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Violin Adagio from *Sonata in D*

P. Nardini

Claire Whitney

*Response

Doxology

Purple, No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

This version of the Doxology, which is modified to reflect a Trinitarian understanding of God, has become the most popular revision of this ancient song.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in grateful response to the riches of your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with your Spirit and tune our hearts to sing your grace in all we do and say. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Purple, No. 804

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Agincourt Hymn* John Dunstable

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 Tom & Sue Swigert in memory of their parents and Tom's brothers.

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 Vender Weele, Claire Whitney

Ushers—Pat Drinkwine, Ryan Gregory, Kent Geibel, Dennis Trautvetter

Acolytes—Henry & Ashlyn Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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