

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 23, 2017

SEVENTH 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.*

#### PRELUDE

Selections from *Psalms 94*

Julius Reubke

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"We live in a world that is beyond our control, and life is in a constant flux of change. So we have a decision to make: keep trying to control a storm that is not going to go away or start learning how to live within the rain."*

—Glenn Pemberton, *Hurting with God*

*An asterisk \* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship,

***knowing that God is already here among us,  
knowing that there is nothing that can separate us from  
the love and mercy of God.***

Wherever we are, wherever we go,

***God is near.***

So let us enter into this time of worship with confidence and hope,

***knowing that God stands eager to meet us and bless us  
with divine, mysterious love. Let us worship God.***

*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."

This morning's acknowledgment prayer is adapted from the "Brief Statement of Faith," a portion of which was our Statement of Faith last week.

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will learn about the call of David to be the second King of Israel drawing on 1 Samuel 16:1 to 17:49.

\*HYMN *Make a Joyful Noise to God!*

Purple, No. 54

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

In sovereign love, You created the world good and make everyone equally in Your image, O God, of every race and people, to live as one community.

***But we rebel; we hide from You. Ignoring Your commandments, we violate Your image in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. No matter what we deserve for these failings, You act with justice and mercy to redeem creation.***

And so in your everlasting love, O God of Abraham and Sarah, Ishmael and Mahalath, David and Jonathan, Joseph and Mary, ***choose us yet again through our brother Christ, as your covenant people, to bless all families of the earth. Hear our cries and deliver us from our fears and our failings. Amen.***

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

***God is faithful still. Let our hearts be lifted. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia!***

\*RESPONSE *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* Vs. 1, Purple, No. 439

\*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

Purple, No. 458

*Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

SERMON READING

Psalm 88

OT, pp. 545

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

*Tasting the Tears of God*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

*O Save Me, God, and Hear My Cry*

Purple, No. 812

STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

***The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. Christ's cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for us when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moving us to respond in faith, repentance and obedience, and initiating the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which all know that God loves and accepts us regardless of what or who we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. \*\*\* We, the members of the church, are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture and economics. But we must fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God's loving purposes for creation, rather than our human schemes, will finally prevail. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

*Come Sing to God*

Vs. 4, Purple, No. 805

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Psalm 23*

Colin Mawby

\*Response *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord* Purple, No. 635

\*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 hope-filled love to all the world. Amen.***

*The text of our sermon hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 54. It was written by Michael Morgan, former organist for both Columbia Theological Seminary and Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Pastor Michael worked with Morgan extensively during his time at Columbia.*

*By now perhaps you have noticed that everything we have sung today is a form of a Psalm. With Psalms of need, lament, celebration and praise, the Psalter provides hymns for virtually any sung prayer the people might need.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Purple, No. 803

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Genevan Psalm 91* Dale Grotenhuis

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by Bella Kim in loving memory of her mother, Wonja Moon.*

*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 C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Laurie Davidson

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

*Acolyte*—CJ Dominello

## Our Northminster Family at Work

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