

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 30, 2017

EIGHTH 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
*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Christ serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice! **The Old 100th, alt.***

PRELUDE

Old Hundredth – St. Anne (Psalm 100)

W. T. Best

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does our service of worship need?

***Quiet where faith can grow, song that blossoms hope,
scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle
even a bit of our knotty existence, gifts offering service
of the heart.***

Who shall be invited to worship here?

Today's cover art is "In Church: A Composing Sermon" from 1872 by an unknown artist. It purports to depict what worship would be like without music.

*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.***

***All who come, all who are lonely for the touch of God,
all seeking harmony with God at the center of their lives.***

And who shall join us here?

***By the promise of Christ, the Spirit is already with us,
humming the melodies of faith, hope and love in every
ear. Let us worship God!***

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Purple, No. 611

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

***Christ Jesus, our teacher and friend, we have not
listened for your word amid the clamor of words all
around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes
than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies.
We try harder to defend what we think we know than to
reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust,
afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do
your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our
neighbors and for hearts that resonate with your Spirit.
Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing
the songs of faith, hope and love. Amen.***

We hear the Good News echoing in the songs of faith...

***"O, to Grace how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be."***

We hear the echo of our deliverance in the hymns of old...

***"T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved."***

May the strains of grace ever inspire us to remember and rejoice,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Verse 1, Purple, No. 39

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Blue, No. 2128

*Today's version of the
Lord's Prayer can be
found in the Purple
Hymnal on page 35 and
uses "debts" and
"debtors."*

*This week in Sunday
School Northminster's
youngest will learn
about David's flight
from Saul's wrath from
1 Samuel 14.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living Word and printed words, O God. From the many, let us hear the one you have for us today. Grow that word in us, that we might live as changed, loved, challenged children of your Love and Peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

CANTED PSALM

Psalm 27

You are invited to join in singing on the refrain:

***The Lord is my light, my light and salvation;
In God I trust, in God I trust.***

Today's Psalm setting is from the Taizé Community in France. The familiar refrain is joined with the canted verses of the Psalm.

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Virgil Thompson

SERMON READING Psalm 95 OT, p. 550

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Let Us Sing*

*HYMN *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)* Purple, No. 625

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

STATEMENT OF FAITH Purple, No. 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *I Love You, Lord* Purple, No. 627

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *The Lord's Prayer* Malotte

*Response *Come Sing to God* Verse 1, Purple, No. 805

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we have prayed "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth..." We offer these gifts and our lives as signs of our commitment towards living out this prayer. Transform dollars into love, checks into justice, and us into vessels of peace. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit so that we move forward in faith with enthusiasm as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

We sing our Statement of Faith today, using words written by Rev. Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). Rev. Green was a Methodist pastor in Great Britain from 1928 to 1969. After his retirement, he began writing hymn texts and poetry in earnest. The royalties from his work now support the Pratt Green Trust, which supports hymnody throughout the Christian world.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Canticle of the Turning* Purple, No. 100

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Maryann Strain to honor those we love and those who love us.*

*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—Kelly Brest van Kempen

A Time with the Children—Gretchen Wooldridge

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Steve Uliana

Acolytes—Ginevra Kellogg & Ashlyn Rogowski

Our Northminster Family at Work

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