

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 3, 2016

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

Reprise

Paul Manz

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

In our own contemporary context of the rat race of anxiety, the celebration of Sabbath is an act of both resistance and alternative.

Walter Brueggemann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Delight yourself in the Lord!

And God will give you the desires of your heart!

Let us worship God!

Based on Psalm 37:4

Today's cover art is a version of the Columba Cross, named for the 5th Century cleric who founded the religious community in what is now Iona, Scotland.

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

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

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Purple, No. 366

*SABBATH PRAYER Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*

*O God, make us aware of your presence
that wonder may have its way with us,
our passions be released,
our souls renewed in the depths of your holiness,
until, for a moment, our longing for you is fulfilled
and we know that we are really free
to share bread and intimacy,
to laugh and exchange mercy,
to be at ease in our struggles,
bold in our loving,
brave in our fears,
hopeful in your kingdom,
joyful in our living,
and graceful in our becoming.*

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

*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 *Be Still and Know...* Purple, No. 414

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Transforming Spirit, quiet within us every competing voice
but your own. Help us open our hearts and minds to
encounter a fresh word for us this day, that we and our world
might be made new, that we might see the way you would
have us follow and respond with joy and enthusiasm. Amen.*

FIRST READING *Psalm 37* OT, pp. 510-512

SERMON READING *Matthew 11:28-30* NT, p. 12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest are learning about Jesus' lesson to the disciples in the temple when he encounters the widow who gives two coins, all she has. It is based on Mark 12.

SERMON

Unforced Rhythms of Grace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* Purple, No. 824

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE *Come and Fill Our Hearts* Purple, No. 466, twice
***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia.***

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory Ave Maria J.S. Bach/Gonoud

Paul and Emily Vanderwerf, violin and piano

*Response Doxology Purple, No. 607

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we come to you with gratitude, knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you. We offer our time, talent and this portion of our possessions to you as an act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor. Help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Purple, No. 182

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *March* John Philip Sousa
Arr. E Power Biggs

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Marilyn Woodman in memory of her husband, Dr. Forrest J. Woodman.*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Deborah Rundlett

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Meredith Rogowski

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Emily & Paul Vanderwerf

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

Acolytes—Ashlyn Rogowski & Anabelle Brown

Greeters—Pat Simms & Steve Davies



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

Margaret Parcell—Director of Northminster Nursery School

Meredith Rogowski—Director of Children's 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

Mike Jin—Financial Secretary

Davit Hovakimyan—Facilities Manager

Alex Villegas—Sunday Sexton

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—Clerk of Session

Jim Kirk—Moderator, Deacon Board

Members of NPC—Ministers

Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston IL 60201

847.869.9210 www.northminpres.org