

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 28, 2016 FIFTEENTH 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

Dawn Hymn

Alan Hovhaness

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

INTROIT

Finlandia

J. Sibelius

Flute Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP ∞

Sovereign and loving God,

You have given us eyes to see the light that fills this room;

Give us inward vision to behold you in this place.

You have made us feel the morning wind upon our limbs;

Help us to sense your presence as we worship you.

Today's cover sketch is by Garth Williams and is from "Little House in the Big Woods" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

*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 *All People Who on Earth Do Dwell* Purple, No. 385

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

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE∞

For the times we have lied to one another and the times we have been lied to,

Heal us, Lord.

For the times we have laughed at another's pain and the times we have been laughed at,

Heal us, Lord.

For the times we have betrayed a friend and for times we have been betrayed,

Heal us, Lord.

God of heaven and earth, you emptied yourself of your power and became a helpless baby in order that you might heal a sick world. Teach us to empty ourselves of things that destroy us and keep us alone. Empty us of our jealousy, our meanness and our fear of others. Fill us with your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Sisters and brothers, we are blessed beyond riches, for we have the wealth of Christ's grace with us always.

***Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!***

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

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about two houses - the parable of the two builders, based on Matthew 7.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Sanctuary Purple, No. 701

(Sing through twice)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

This morning's Hymn of Preparation, "Sanctuary," was written by Randy Scruggs. Randy is the middle son of Earl Scruggs, banjo player and bluegrass music legend. A Grammy winner, Randy has twice been named "Musician of the Year" at the Country Music Association Awards.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, wise Spirit, as we hear with fresh ears your Living

Word. In your light let us see light, in your truth let us embrace freedom, and in your will let us discover peace.

Amen.

SERMON READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

NT, p. 77

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No RSVP Necessary

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Purple, No. 722

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Create In Me a Clean Heart

Purple, No. 422

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Our sung prayer of response is from Psalm 51:10-12, a psalm for cleansing and pardon.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Chanson Triste* Tchaikovsky, arr. Clair Johnson
Flute Choir

*Response

Doxology

Purple, No. 607

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* Purple, No. 542

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Jubilation* Richard Frey

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving from the family of Maryann Strain.*

*If you depart during
the postlude, please
be aware that some
remain in worshipful
contemplation until
is conclusion.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica Gregory

Liturgist—Carol Wooldridge

A Time with the Children—Joan LePontois

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Flute Choir:
Claire Geibel, Leslie Geibel, Ellie Peterson, Nancy Kim Phillips, Kate Whitney

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

Acolytes—Sydney & Chloe Ross

Greeters—Wooldridge Family: Gretchen, Michael, Merritt & Calvin

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*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

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