

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STUMP THE PASTOR



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 Today

"I have this hunch that people really find Jesus compelling, and they see what Christianity really could be.

But what they see instead, so often, is an institution that tries to protect itself and promote itself. I think they want to have a place where they can speak the actual truth about themselves in the world and they don't have to pretend."

—Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, Pastor, House for All Sinners and Saints Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado

PRELUDE

Allegro Gracioso

Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by John 13:34

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

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

*Please join in saying all text that appears in **bold italics**.*

In worship on this day, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ.

We recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith and to love those whom God places in our path.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Purple, No. 643

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's grade-schoolers will be learning about how young King Josiah showed wisdom beyond his years in helping lead the people back to faithfulness.

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Today's question was submitted by Ben Perry. It originally limited its question to marriage, but Pastor Michael has expanded it a bit to include a broader look at how the church responds to "changing cultural norms," a key part of Ben's question.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 458

Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet
(Refrain) ***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet***
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.
(Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word and words, O God, out of many,
may we hear the one you have for us today.
By your guiding Spirit we pray, Amen.

PRELIMINARY READINGS

Isaiah 43:18-21

OT, pp. 672-673

John 8:2-8

NT, pp. 100-101

SERMON READING

Romans 14:1-13

NT, p. 163

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

One Gospel Fits All

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven* Bach

*Response *We Lift Our Voices* Purple, No. 710

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, thank you for all we have. In gratitude, we offer these resources and all we are to your sovereign love. Transform our offering into the stuff of life that will feed all who hunger or know only want. Make of us instruments of your blessing to all people. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* Purple, No. 770

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to the heavens.

Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.***

In this bread and this cup... great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Today's communion hymn, sometimes called "Welcome Table" or "Some of These Days," has been re-written many times. For example, during the Civil Rights Movement, protest verses were added. The version in our hymnal reflects the original pre-Civil War text.

Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

For Everyone Born

Purple, No. 769

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Materna

*If you leave during the
Postlude, please be
aware that some will
remain in a state of
attentive worship until it
has concluded.*

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Nan Shorey in celebration of Life.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Kimberly Gartner

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen & Paul Vander Weele

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

Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

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