

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BANNER SUNDAY



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

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

Paul Manz

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
*After all these years, I see that I was mistaken about Eve in the beginning; it is better to live outside the Garden with her than inside it without her. **Mark Twain***

INTROIT

A Prayer for Northminster

Hemy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

spaciousfaith.com, alt.

We believe God still creates—

We want to see more clearly.

We believe God still speaks—

We want to listen more carefully.

Today's cover photo is a detail from the much larger "Adam and Eve" by Salvador Dalí, cast in 1984. This casting is from the collection of the Shanghai Museum of Art.

*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.*

Today our Sunday School classes process under the banners of their classes to mark the beginning of the program year and the start of the new Sunday School year.

Today's opening hymn was nominated as one of our Something Old/Something New hymns by Amy Mendelson.

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

We believe God still guides—

We want to walk more faithfully.

We believe God still breathes life into the world—

We want to inhale more deeply.

May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking, breathing, and being.

May this be a time of true worship. Amen.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Purple, No. 157

I Danced in the Morning

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Creative, passionate God, you delight in shaping the world in beauty and harmony and invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. Too often we give in to temptations that disrupt the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo all our mistakes, but we turn once more to the living presence of Jesus to find in his gracing instruction and renewal fresh ways to live and love each other and the earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Our first mothers and fathers faced the consequences of their failings, yet God prepared a way,

A way that kept us connected to creation and our living God.

So it is with all of us: in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection, we are able to persist, upright and strong, for our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE

Purple, No. 435, verse 1

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*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

Blue, No. 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that as the word is read and proclaimed, we may hear your message with joy and respond with conviction and hope. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17

OT, p. 2

ANTHEM

Simple Song

L. Bernstein

Dennis Kalup, Tenor

SECOND READING

Genesis 3:1-8

OT, pp. 2-3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

And Their Eyes Were Opened

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World

Purple, No. 370

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Brief Statement, ¶ 3, Purple pp. 37-38

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Rain Down

Purple, No. 48

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Walls of Zion

A. Copeland

*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, accept all that we offer here in gratitude for your gracing love and for our many blessings.

Empower us by your Spirit to bear witness to that love in all we do and say. Amen.

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about Adam and Eve and the first sin.

Today's sermon hymn was taken from the poetic writings of Rev. Maltbie Babcock, Presbyterian pastor, published after his death in 1901. The language, which some might see as overly paternalistic, is consistent with late 19th century Protestant theology. The hymn was published 101 years ago this fall in a Presbyterian hymnal.

Our Closing Hymn was nominated by five folks under "Something Old, Something New."

If you depart during the postlude, please be mindful of those still in in worshipful contemplation.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- * CLOSING HYMN Purple, No. 649
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
- * CHARGE AND BLESSING
- * CLOSING RESPONSE *A Prayer for Northminster* Hemy
- POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Manz

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Ann Ohlrogge Johnson and Tom Johnson, with prayers for peace:
in our hearts, in our homes, and in the world ~
peace which is God's will and our need.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir

Choral Soloists—Sarah Schroeder, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Chris Hatcher, bass

Ushers—Barbara & Bob Janes, Tom Buess

Acolytes—Claire Smith & Maddie Sitz

Greeters—Pam & Paul Rolfes, Carol & Bob Wooldridge

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*

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Ami Bauman—*Coordinator of Mom's Morning Out*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

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Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

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Davit Hovakimyan—*Facilities Manager*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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