

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2, 2016

WORLD COMMUNION 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

Yoruba Lament

Fela Sowande

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

Let us: Take care of this world, it is a gift to us.
Find love in all people, they share it with us.
Make peace unconditionally, all life depends on it.
And be a blessing, Always. Amen
--Erica Fairbrother, New Zealand

The rose in the chancel celebrates the birth of Daniel David Hovakimyan. Danny was born on September 25, 2016. Parents Gabrielle and Davit, Northminster's Facilities Manager, are overjoyed to have Danny join their family!

INTROIT

God's Gift of Love (Sung in Korean) Hyun Chul Lee
Come to the table, all you who praise God.
Laid in a stable, God's gift of love:
Jesus our Savior poured out his life's blood.
Our sins forgiven, God's gift of love.

You are invited to join in saying or singing all text that appears in **bold italics**.

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

This morning's opening hymn was nominated by two people in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative and is a favorite of Pastor Jessica.

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will hear about baby Moses being left in the reeds of the river by his mother and being found by the Pharaoh's daughter, based on Exodus 2:1-10.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 104, Allen Myrick

Praise be to God, who is very great!

You are clothed in honor and majesty.

Praise be to God, who set the earth on its foundations.

You raised the mountains of Africa and spread out the valleys below.

You fill them with zebra and elephant, impala and giraffe.

You make the rivers flow, full of fish, hippo and crocodile.

You provide rain for the crops, sun's rays that they may grow, grain and fruit in abundance.

Your children dwell in village and town; they walk the dusty roads and till their fields, they toil in factory and mine.

They seek justice and hunger for peace and long for equity among the nations.

O God, how many are your works, in wisdom you have made them all! Praise be to God!

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Purple, No. 14

***OPENING PRAYER**

***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 (Verse 1)

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

Exodus 12: 1-13

OT, p. 58

SERMON READING

Exodus 13: 1-8

OT, p. 59-60

SERMON

Remembering Into the Future

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *In Mercy Broken* Ruth Elaine Schram

*Response *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Purple, No. 654
(Sing through twice)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people with our gratitude, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will among all peoples, and advance the coming commonwealth of our savior and friend Jesus Christ, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN *I Come with Joy* Purple, No. 515

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament of bread and wine, giving you thanks for Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Unite your church throughout the world in continuing Christ's ministry of love and servanthood, that your name may be praised in all the earth.[†]

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Today, as a sign that God comes to us where we are, in the midst of life, we receive communion at our seats. Remembering that we are each loved for our unique selves, when the bread comes, you are invited to eat it individually. Remembering too, that we are part of a larger community of believers, we hold the cup until all have received and drink together.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Today's closing hymn was nominated by two different folds in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

If you leave during the postlude, please be considerate and try not to disturb those who remain in a worshipful frame of mind.

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Purple, No. 450

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Sheaves of Wheat
(Sung in Spanish)

Cesareo Gabarain

Sheaves of wheat turned by sunlight into gold,
Grapes in clusters, like rubies on the vine,
Feed our hearts as the precious blood and body of our Lord:
Gifts of heaven from earthly bread and wine.

POSTLUDE

The New Commonwealth

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Lori McFarlane and Steve Davies with prayers of thanksgiving for
parents, family and our Northminster home.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching — Rev. Jessica Gregory

Liturgist — Bob Regan

A Time with the Children — Joan LePontois

Musicians — Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Stephen Uliana, bass

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

Acolytes — Henry & Ashlyn Rogowski

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*

Sarah Bartolome — *Interim Director of Youth Music*

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*

Claudinetta 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*

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