

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 23, 2016

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GO, DO ALL YOU HAVE IN MIND



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

Ricercare on 'St. Anne'

Gordon Young

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you. Lynn A. Miller, Author of "The Power of Enough"

INTROIT

Youth Bells

G. F. Handel, arr. Berry & Van Valey

Overture from *Music for Royal Fireworks*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC, alt.

We are met in the presence of God,

And we do not meet alone.

With Abraham and Sarah,

We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age,

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith.

God's Holy name be praised.

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

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

Our opening hymn was nominated by Jan MacDermid in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

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

Today in Sunday School, Northminster's children will be learning about the portion of 1 Samuel (16:1-13) where David is anointed by God to be the next King.

God makes of us a great people.

God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica,

God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.

And we do not journey alone. Let us worship together.

*OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* Purple, No. 664

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. In humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up, so we may love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Friends, hear the Good News: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE *Take, O Take Me as I Am* Purple, No. 698

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PREPARATION *Lord, Prepare Me* Purple, No. 701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wisdom of all, Creator of life, open us today to new understandings of your loving call on our lives. Open us by your Spirit to new ways of being and living your love and our faith so that we might be a blessing to you, to others and to your world. Amen.

ANTHEM *Faith Be Made Complete* A. Castillo & E. Wilmington

SERMON READING 2 Samuel 7:1-17 OT, p. 281

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Go, Do All You Have in Mind—Sort of*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* Purple, No. 835

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Shepherd Me, O God* (2 times) Purple, No. 473
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Response *I'm Gonna Live* (verse 1) Purple, No. 700
So God Can Use Me

***I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)
(repeat)***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving One, by your grace we have talents and skills and energy for life and for serving you. May what we offer today be a reflection of our grateful understanding that all we are and all we have is yours. Take now and bless the fruits of our labors. Amen.

Northminster welcomes into membership Bruce Caughran and Amber Yancey-Carroll.

Today's Sermon Hymn was nominated by Gretchen Wooldridge in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

For the next four weeks, we will sing one verse each week of this beloved spiritual.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Terry Phillips nominated
our closing hymn.*

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *May We in Service* R.V. Williams
to Our God Act out the Living Word

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

POSTLUDE *Slane* Charles Ore

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Barbara and John Morrison in memory of their twin granddaughters,
Isabelle Lanning Sweeney and Anabelle Rose Sweeney.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica Gregory

A Time with the Children—Kent Smith

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

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

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

Acolytes—Sydney & Chloe Ross

Greeters—Amy Mendelson, Pam & Bill Swales

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*

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Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

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