

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 30, 2016

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION 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

Gustav Merkel, Max Reger

Two Settings of 'Ein Feste Burg'

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which God is to bless people now. **Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)***

INTROIT

Fairest Lord Jesus

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130, alt.

Lift up your voice and call out to God.

We cry out, believing that God hears us.

Draw near and wait for God.

We come together, trusting that God is still speaking.

Surely God's presence is here with us now.

We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love lifts our hearts.

Come, worship the Lord.

We celebrate the power of God that restores us.

God's Holy name be praised!

Today's cover art is the "Elijah Raises the Widow's Son" window from the Chapel of Mt. Carmel Monastery at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

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, which is traditionally associated with Thanksgiving, was actually written in the original Dutch to celebrate the coming of the Protestant Church to the Netherlands. It was nominated anonymously 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 continuing to learn about King David, this time with the story of his encounter with Goliath from 1 Samuel 17:1-52.

*OPENING HYMN *We Gather Together* Purple, No. 336

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

God of our fathers and mothers: You raised up brave and able women and men all through the centuries to reform and renew your church. We confess that we seem to easily lose our way again and again, and need constantly to be reformed by your grace. We are too often content with easy religion. Rich in possessions yet hoarding our compassion, we cultivate indifference. Lord, let your teaching through Jesus shake us up and your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have a fuller faith, and never shrink from sacrifice that draws us closer to you and to one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Christ comes not to condemn

but so that all might know God's saving love and be transformed.

Friends, let us hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

Purple, No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (verse 1)

*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

Trad. Cornish

The Church Is Wherever God's People Are Praising

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

INCLUDING BIBLE SUNDAY FOR THIRD GRADERS

PREPARATION *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Blue, No. 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word and words, O God. Out of the many, may we hear the One...the One who calls us, leads us, instructs us, and guides our living now and all our days. Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

OT, p. 324

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Arr. L. Shackley

SERMON READING I Kings 17:17-24 OT, p. 324
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *No Ordinary Miracle*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN Purple, No. 43
You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (On Eagle's Wings)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Festival Sanctus* J. Leavitt

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra
gloria tua.*

Hosanna in excelsis.

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.*

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of
your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Response Purple, No. 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (verse 2)

***I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me
anywhere Lord, anytime (anytime).***

(repeat)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we rejoice in your goodness. There is no one like you! You restore us to right relationship with you and one another. You send your Spirit and abundant blessings into our lives. It is an honor to contribute to the wonders you are doing here and throughout your world. In gratitude, we return a portion of your bounty to us. May the Spirit of Christ use all to uplift people in our community and the world. Amen.

Today's sermon hymn was nominated by Sara Guth and two anonymous nominators in our "Something Old, Something New" initiative.

For the four Sundays of Stewardship season, we will sing one verse each week of this beloved spiritual.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Our closing hymn was nominated by Lee Knohl and one other anonymous nominator.

*CLOSING HYMN

Purple, No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Beautiful Savior

POSTLUDE

'Kirken'

Gilbert Martin

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by Paul Vander Weele and Mary Price in memory of Paul's father, Adrian Vander Weele, on his birthday today.

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

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, Sunday School Choir

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

Ushers—Mark LeBien, Lori Osborne, Steve Davies

Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

Greeters—Carol Lounsbury, Pam & Paul Rolfes

Our Northminster Family at Work

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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