

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 2017 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Bist Du Bei Mir (If Thou Art Near)* J.S. Bach

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship
"Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling." — Vincent van Gogh

WELCOME

As the welcome pads are passed down your aisle, please help us to celebrate your worshipping with us today by signing the register.

INTROIT *The Lord Liveth* M. O'Shields

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty God, You welcome us into the community of the beloved as honored guests.

***Your grace is like cleansing water for our feet,
Your loving welcome is like a mother's kiss,
Your blessing us with different gifts and abilities is like
anointing oil, calling us into your worship and work.***

Today's cover art is a detail from a larger window depicting the events in today's text, featuring Eli, the judge, and young Samuel.

The rose in the chancel this Sunday celebrates the birth of Zola Belle Dalton Derrick, born on May 24th to parents and new members Mary and Tom and joined big sisters Ada and Lela. We give God thanks for the miracle of birth and rejoice with the Derricks as they welcome Zola!

*An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in on the liturgy printed in **bold italics**.*

Merciful God, You welcome us despite what we have done or failed to do.

You forgive our failings and welcome us into community.
Wondrous God, we have come to offer our worship and praise.
May we be joyfully joined in mutual welcome and grace.

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

*HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Purple, No. 182

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Merciful God, we come before you giving thanks for your love and seeking your grace. Humbly we acknowledge that you have called us to be your servants in the world. Yet we have too often followed a way of our own devising, rather than the one to which you call us. Help us to listen, to heed, to boldly step out in the ways you would have each of us and all of us go to be your hands, feet and voice in the world. In Christ's name, forgive us and grant us a new birth of spirit, that we may be your instruments of oneness and of joy, of healing and of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need,
We are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE Verse 1, Purple, No. 435
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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *Ha-la-la-le-lu-jah* Mark Burrows

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION Purple, No. 288
Spirit of the Living God

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will also hear about God's calling of the prophet Samuel as a young boy.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Light of lights, O God, shine on us this day. Word and words, O God, from the many, let us hear your One for us in this hour. In Jesus' name, amen.

ANTHEM

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts

T. Morley

SERMON READING 1 Samuel 3:1-21

OT, p. 247

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Can You Hear Me Now?

Today's sermon hymn is a translation of a traditional Swahili hymn that is believed to have originated in Kenya. The rhythm break at the end of the first line of the chorus is intentional. It literally makes us listen for the opening word of the chorus to be repeated.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Listen, God is Calling

Purple, No. 456

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

O God our Creator, 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 these sisters and brothers 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Rain Down

Purple, No. 48

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Here I Am, Lord

Shutte

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, you have endowed our earth with bountiful blessings, creating us to share in the wonder and joy of these many gifts. In thanksgiving, we return to you part of what you have given to us. May it be acceptable in your sight and may all be used to demonstrate your reign of love and peace is at hand. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* Purple, No. 463

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* Flor Peters

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Elizabeth, Jeff, Brian & Molly Sedin and Darlene Tennerstedt
in memory of Dick Tennerstedt*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Nicholas Antonoglu

A Time with the Children—Miss Meredith

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Joan de Jonge, Chancel Choir, Elementary Choir

Choral Soloists—Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Steve Uliana, tenor; Gabriel Walker, baritone

Ushers—Lee Khohl, Molly McDowell, Ethan Sparrow

Acolytes—Shane Macris & Nathan Gregory

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