

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WALKING IN HIS WAYS



### 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

*Love Unknown*

Francis Jackson

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*Members of the northern Natal tribes of South Africa greet one another daily by saying, in Zulu, "Sawa bona," which literally means: "I see you." The response is "Sikhona," which means: "I am here." Being seen makes us, at some level, real.*

#### INTROIT

*Amazing Grace*

Arr. Susan Berry & Janet Van Valey  
*Youth Bells*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Good people of the church, lift your eyes and see.

***Have you not seen? Have you not heard?***

***God greets us here.***

*Today's cover art is "Zacchaeus" by contemporary artist Joel Whitehead.*

*When you see an asterisk (\*) you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all parts in **bold italics**.*

Sometimes the new Hymnal provides alternative hymn tunes for texts we have sung for many years. Today we will instead sing this ancient hymn in its more familiar tune, which also happens to be one of Pastor Michael's favorite Hymn tunes.

Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

***For having been known and seen, we have now seen,  
heard and known, from the beginning to the end, God is,  
and God is with us.  
Let us worship God.***

\*HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Purple, No. 394  
(Using its traditional tune, REGENT SQUARE, from Hymn # 143)

OPENING PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***O God, sometimes we cannot see you.  
We search for you and have to strain to hear your  
voice. And yet you come to us where we are, in our  
sinful lives. You forgive us and change our hearts  
through the grace of your son, Jesus, and his liberating  
love. Forgive us again, as we thank you for your  
presence in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God in Christ has rescued us and redeemed us from our sins, setting aside judgment to shower us with mercy.

***We will go and do likewise.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Purple, No. 188, v. 1  
***Jesus Loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.***

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD,  
CLAIMING THE PROMISE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION Purple, No. 451, verse 1  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Today in Sunday School the children are learning about one of the three stories in today's sermon text: Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Author of Love, across the generations you call faithful people to live as your Beloved, your Sent, your Love for the world. Help us to hear that call this day as your Word is proclaimed. May we respond in faith and joy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen***

SERMON READING            Luke 18:31-19:10            NT, p. 82  
This is the word of the Lord.            ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON                      *Seeing and/or Believing*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory            *Come to the Water*

J. Schrader

\*Response            *We Lift Our Voices*

Purple, No. 710

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***In gratitude and thanksgiving, we bring our offerings, our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Take and transform all we offer so that all that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN                      *The One Who Brings Us Here*  
***See Insert***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

***God's Spirit is with us.***

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 thanks and praise.***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Our offertory response, "We Lift Our Voices," was composed by Cumberland Presbyterian Pastor Dwight Liles and is the most popular of his 20+ worship and praise songs. Many assume he is quoting scripture but the text is original to Liles.*

*Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN Purple, No. 517, verses 1, 3, 5  
*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Lead Us, Lord G. Scheer

POSTLUDE St. Columba Kenneth Leighton

*If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thanks!*

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by the Whitney Family in celebration of the life of Bill Whitney.*

## 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, Kate Lee,  
the Chancel Choir and the Youth Bells

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

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

*Acolytes*—Sydney & Chloe Ross

## Our Northminster Family at Work

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