

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 5, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STUMP THE PASTOR



### 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

*Sonata #3 in E-flat Major*

Ludwig van

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

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

#### *A Thought as You Prepare for Worship*

*I rarely speak about God. To God, yes. I protest against Him. I shout at Him. But to open a discourse about the qualities of God, about the problems that God imposes,*

Today in Sunday  
School, Northminster's  
youngest will hear  
about the portion of  
Paul's letter to the  
church in Corinth  
which deals with  
spiritual gifts—why are  
there so many  
different kinds and are  
they all equal? The  
lesson is specifically  
based on 1  
Corinthians 12:12-3.

INTROIT *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* arr. Carl  
Diton

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *John Van de Laar, Sacredise*

How can we ever understand the mystery of your love, O  
God?

***How can we ever estimate the value of your  
compassion  
and mercy?***

In our weaknesses and brokenness, in our strengths and  
wholeness,

***we find the touch of your support and creative  
energy.***

In our fears and suffering, in our joys and pleasures,

***we find the moistness of your tears and the  
percussion of  
your laughter.***

In our failures and despair, in our successes and dreams,

***we find the comfort of your forgiveness***

***and the inspiration of your Spirit.***

***These are gifts beyond measure,***

***and we can only respond with joyful praise. Amen.***

\*HYMN *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Purple, No. 24

\*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 *Wait for the Lord* Purple, No. 90

***Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.***

***Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart. (Repeat all)***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Holy God, whose greatness and mystery defy our limited dictionary of praise and wonder, we come to your word with cautious curiosity. Grant us the ears, eyes and hands of your Spirit so that we may boldly hear your truth, clearly see the path you have set before us, and humbly seek to build communities of love and justice to your eternal glory. Amen.***

FIRST READING            Isaiah 63:16-17                            OT, p. 694

Lamentations 2:17-22 OT, pp. 765-766

SERMON READINGS        Matthew 13:24-29                        NT, p. 14

Romans 8:18-38                        NT, p. 158

SERMON        *Stump the Pastor: The Price of Admission,*

*Suffering and a Loving God*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory                    *Worthy to Be Praised*                    K.

Hampton

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

*(Twice)*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Giver of life, Giver of hope,***

***We approach in humility and gratitude, returning this  
portion***

***of all you have given to us. We offer, too, our very  
lives.***

***Take all and use them to your will, that all might know  
your***

***love and live in the light of your grace and peace.***

***Amen.***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

*Today we will  
commune by  
intinction. As a sign  
that we meet God  
along the way, all who  
are able are invited to  
come forward to take  
a piece of the bread,  
dip it in the cup and  
eat. If you would  
rather not share the  
common cup, you can  
drink from one of the  
small cups in the tray  
provided. Those who  
have difficulty coming  
forward will be served  
in their seats.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9). It underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24).

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up you hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is indeed right...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

Purple, No. 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*(O Christ, Surround Me)*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

arr. Carl Diton

*Here All the World Will Find a Welcome*

*(Verse four of the Introit)*

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by Bob and Rita Bailey in celebration of Katie Bristol's first birthday.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hopp-Peters

*A Time with the Children*—Meredith Rogowski

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Sara Bowen (violin)  
and the Chancel Choir

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steven Uliana, bass

*Ushers*—Kent Geibel, Ryan Gregory, Molly McDowell, Dennis Trautvetter

*Greeters*—Pat Froh, Carol & Bob Wooldridge

*Acolytes*—Valerie Larsen & Abby Perry

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