

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2017

2<sup>ND</sup> 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

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Charles W. Ore

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious antineighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other.... And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be." **Walter Brueggemann***

#### INTROIT

*When Twilight Comes*

F. Feliciano

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

***We seek God's presence in our lives.***

Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.

***Even though we have not produced the "fruits" of hope that God seeks, yet God forgives and heals our weakness.***

Rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

***We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. Amen.***

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

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

\*HYMN

*How Lovely, Lord*

Purple, No. 402

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Loving God, you have been very patient with humanity. Please continue with that saving patience. Look upon and within each of us as we humble ourselves before you. Uncover and reform everything that is evil and all that is not of you. Create in us a spirit of honest repentance. Enable us to get rid of self-justifications, and to make room for your forgiveness and renewal. For your love's sake, Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

It is written for our encouragement and peace: "The love of God is shown to us, in that while we were still sinners

***Christ died for us. Christ rose for us.***

***Christ reigns for us. Christ prays for us."***

Friends, let us believe this remarkable Gospel and live with and in the liberty of Christ.

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

\*RESPONSE

*Just as I Am*

Purple, No. 442, verse 3

***Just as I am, thou wilt receive,***

***Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;***

***Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God,***

***I come, I come.***

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will hear about Jesus' lesson to the disciples that has come to be called the Widow's Mite, from Mark 12:41-44.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 835, refrain

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Open our hearts and minds, O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that as the word is read and proclaimed we may hear your message with joy and respond with conviction and hope. Amen.***

ANTHEM *Kyrie* from Mass in D Major A. Dvorak  
*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.*

SERMON READING Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 NT, pp. 78-79  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *In the Shelter of Your Wings*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LENTEN LITANY R. Hamilton, alt.

For the hungry he is the bread-breaker

**Font:** *For the imprisoned he is the freedom-giver*

**Pulpit:** *For the lonely he is the companion-maker*

**Choir:** *Who?*

**All: Jesus Christ**

For the thirsty he is the wine-pourer

**Font:** *For the helpless he is the mother hen*

**Pulpit:** *For the hated he is the love-maker*

**Choir:** *Who?*

**All: Jesus Christ**

For the excluded he is the table-setter

**Font:** *For the sinner he is the grace-giver*

**Pulpit:** *For the silenced he is the word-maker*

**Choir:** *Who?*

**All: Jesus Christ**

\*HYMN *When Twilight Comes* Purple, No. 195

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Song of Hope* Purple, No. 765

## SHARING OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Agnus Dei* from Mass in D Major A. Dvorak

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.*

*Have mercy on us and grant us peace.*

\*Response *Lord of All Good* Purple, No. 711, verse 1

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Gracious God, accept these gifts which we offer in grateful response to the riches of your immeasurable love. Strengthen us with your Spirit to witness to that love in all we do and say, Amen.***

*For our litany, please note that it is divided by where you are sitting. Those on the pulpit side and in the balcony read the "pulpit" lines and those on the side with the piano and font read the "font" lines.*

*Today's sermon hymn is a new one for Northminster, one of the few hymns to use the mother hen imagery from today's text. The simple, almost plainsong melody has been likened to a bird softly hopping from branch to branch in a tree. Its minor key lends it a decided Lenten feel.*

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN      *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*      Purple, No. 542

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE      *Amen*      A. Dvorak

POSTLUDE      *Ah, Holy Jesus*      Johannes Brahms

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by John and Barbara Morrison in memory of their parents  
and in gratitude for their family.*

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

## 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, the Chancel Choir

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

Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass

*Ushers*—Tom Buess & Leslie Noble

*Acolytes*—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

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