

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 21, 2018

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



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

Sine Nomine

Herbert Howells

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"You may think that a broken egg is ugly and messy, but the cake it goes into is beautiful and won't hold together without it."

*— Amy Neftzger, **The Orphanage of Miracles***

INTROIT

How Lovely, Lord

H. Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Today's cover art is "Christ Driving the Moneychangers from the Temple" by an unknown 17th Century Italian artist. It is from the permanent collection of the Harvard Art Museums/Fogg Museum.

*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**.*

This is the world transforming and being made new!
Let us join Christ in the temple, shattering old expectations, birthing new hope and new grace!

This is a Day of Resurrection!

Let us cast off fear! Let us surrender the shackles of "But we've always..." and "We've never done it that way," confident that our timeless God is doing a new thing here and now. Let us worship God!

*HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Purple, No. 35

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Gracing God, there are so many demands on our time, our hearts, our resources, O God, and we know that sometimes our priorities get out of whack. Help us to make the right choices even as we turn away from those that hurt us, You, and those You love. We know that we shouldn't care what others think about us, but sometimes it's hard to be bold if it means we'll be thought naive or foolish. Help us to let go of any such fears that keep us from being all you've created and graced us to be. In gratitude, repentance and hope, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

God loves us to cherish us just as we are.

Christ loves us enough not to leave us as we are.

The Spirit's love renews us and calls us to a new life.

We are forgiven and we will live with joy! Alleluia!

*RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* Purple, No. 839, verse 3 only

*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

Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)

Purple, No. 701

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

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord of light, shine upon us. God of love, fill our hearts with your wisdom and truth. Use this time and use us to accomplish your good will, in this hour and in every moment we are given. Amen.

ANTHEM *My Song Shall Be Alway* F. Mendelssohn
Johanna Moffitt & Steve Uliana

SERMON READING John 2: 13-25 NT, p. 93
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Cracking Some Eggs*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom* Blue, No. 2190

STATEMENT OF FAITH Purple, p. 37
Brief Statement of Faith, Section 2

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Shepherd Me, O God* Purple, No. 473
(Three Times)

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering *The Lord Is My Shepherd* H. Goodall

*Response *Doxology* Purple, No. 607

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace and glory, you have enriched our lives with so many gifts, the greatest of these being Jesus the Christ. He taught us how to enrich the lives of others with a love expressed in practical and caring ways. We offer these funds and the service of our lives as evidence of his love alive in us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN Purple, No. 716
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Our Sermon Hymn and Response to Intercessions this morning are composed and written by Marty Haugen, the liturgical composer of many favorites in the new Purple Hymnal including "Gather Us In." Marty is composer in residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church (UCC) in Minneapolis.

Today's version of the Doxology uses the contemporary setting which follows the Trinitarian formula, "Praise God....Praise Christ....Praise Holy Spirit...."

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***RESPONSE** *A Sun and Shield Forever* H. Hopson

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Andrew Carter

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Leslie and Paul Lehner in memory of their parents,
Robert and Marie Henkel and Paul and Lillian Lehner.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Mara Eloff

A Time with the Children—Miss Meredith

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele and the Chancel Choir

Soloists—Johanna Mofitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto; Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Ushers—Greg Boyer, Lee Knohl, Ethan Sparrow

Acolytes—Shane Macris & CJ Dominello

Our Northminster Family at Work

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