

# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

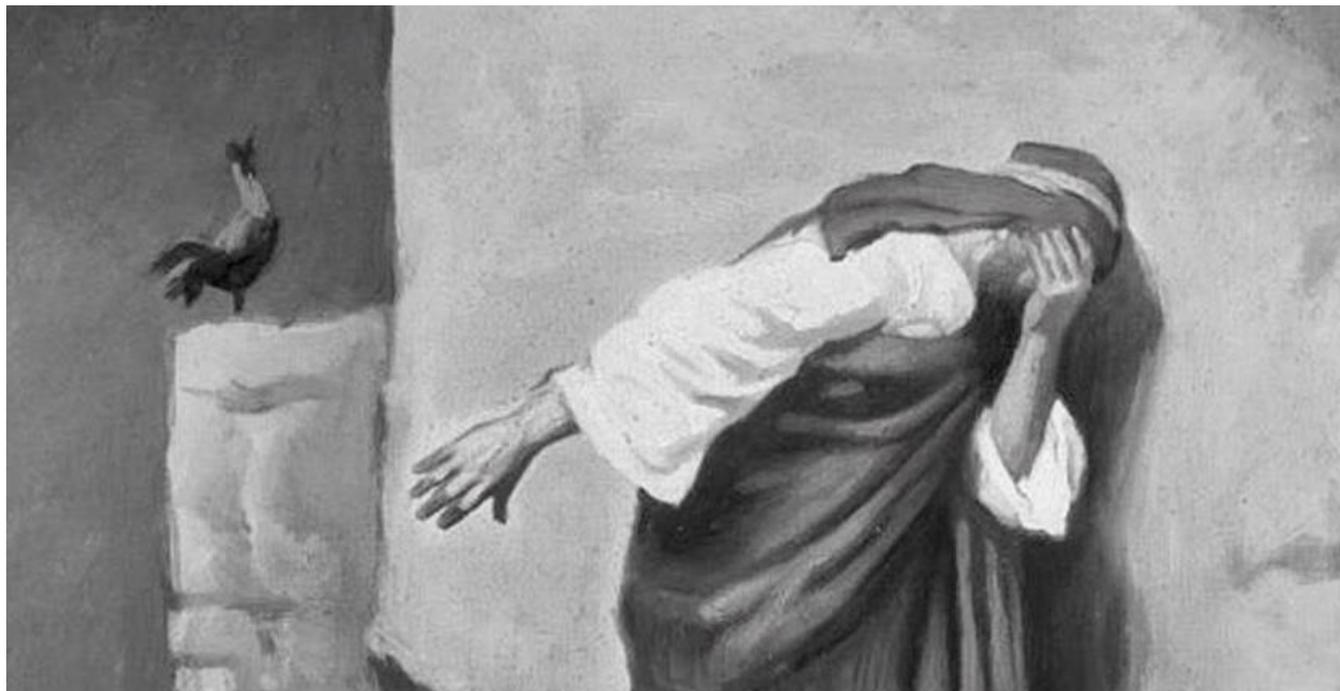
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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 4, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

NO GREATER LOVE...



### 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

*O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin*

J.S. Bach

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship  
*"Most men would rather deny a hard truth than face it."*  
—George R. R. Martin, *A Game of Thrones*

#### INTROIT

*Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine*

Sally Ann Morris

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your church gathers, Lord,

***in Parkland and Paris, in Evanston and Eritrea.***

Your church gathers, Lord,

***in city and country, in suburbs and slums,***

in sanctuaries and bombed out basements,

***under trees and by streams of water.***

*Today's cover art is a detail from a larger work depicting Peter's realization that he has, indeed, denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. It is by an unknown artist.*

*The rose in the chancel celebrates the birth of Eleanor Rose Reichlin. Eleanor is the daughter of new member Marianne Miller and Aaron Reichlin and was born on January 5th. Mom and dad, along with stepbrother Noah and stepsister Talia, are thrilled that Eleanor is here! With joy we celebrate this miracle of new life!*

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**.

Our opening hymn was written in 1966 for the congregation of St. Brendan's Roman Catholic Church on the South Side of Chicago by then-priest Fr. Peter Scholtes, who was born in Evanston in 1938. By the end of that decade, Scholtes left the priesthood and eventually authored a number of business-related self-help books. He died in 2009.

Today in Sunday School the younger children are learning about Jesus calming the storm and the 4th and 5th graders are learning about Peter's betrayal.

Your people gather to praise you, Lord,  
**with voices of young and old,**  
with song and with silence,  
**with dance and with prayer.**

Your people praise you, Lord,  
**for hope in the midst of despair,**  
for strength in times of weakness,  
**for justice in situations of oppression,**  
for courage in the face of fear,  
**for life in the midst of death.**

We are the people who call you Lord.  
**Let everything that breathes praise you, Lord!**

\*HYMN *We Are One in the Spirit* Purple, No. 300

\*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 Purple, No. 95

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Once through together, then as a round (Pulpit side/Font Side)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Light of Lights, show us what you want us to see, point us where you want us to go, lead us and we will follow. Amen.***

SERMON READING John 18:12-27 NT, p. 112

SERMON *Why Do You Strike Me?*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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.***

## OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

### WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *God Be in My Head* F. Pesci

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

\*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

\*COMMUNION HYMN Purple, No. 428

*Before I Take the Body of My Lord*

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you!

***And also with you.***

O God, our Mother and Father, bread baker and wine maker,

***we give you thanks and praise.***

You worked the world into being, instilled all creation with life, and shaped us as your people.

***In Jesus Christ, the bread of life and the true vine, you feed us with the Word and nourish us from the stalk.***

Come, Holy One, come. Bless and prosper this meal, this community, our lives. O present Spirit, help us recognize the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

***Feed the world with this bread. Bring it joy with this cup.***

Give it leaven and salt in us, a community of faith empowered by your meal.

***We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Our communion hymn was composed and written by John L. Bell, member of the Iona Community in Scotland and a Church of Scotland pastor. He was the editor of the current hymnal of the Church of Scotland. It is one of his many hymns which is filled with scriptural references, including to the Gospel of John.*

*Today, as a sign that God comes to us where we are, we receive communion at our seats. Remembering that we are each loved for our unique selves, when the bread comes, you are invited to eat it individually. Remembering too, that we are part of a larger community of believers, we hold the cup until all have received and drink together.*

Our closing hymn, typically called "Christ, Be Our Light," was composed by Bernadette Farrell, one of the few female liturgical composers to have made her career working within the Catholic tradition who is still composing today. In addition to her work in music, she is a longtime community organizer in London's East End.

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* Purple, No. 314

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *In a Grove of Olive Trees* Sally Ann Morris

POSTLUDE *Paeon* Michael McCabe

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Lynd Corley and Family in memory of W. Gene Corley.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

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

*Acolytes*—Claire Smith & Maddie Sitz

### Our Northminster Family at Work

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