

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 27, 2018

TRINITY SUNDAY



### 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  
*"Every man gives his life for what he believes.  
Every woman gives her life for what she believes.  
Sometimes people believe in little or nothing,  
and so they give their lives to little or nothing.  
One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it..."*  
—*Jenne d’Arc (attributed)*

#### INTROIT

*Bless the Lord*

J. Berthier

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world filled with violence and war,

***we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.***

In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

*Today's cover art is a photo of a robin resting on one of the thousands of headstones at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois, south of Chicago. It was originally taken by travel blogger Greg Holmes, who posts at thelope.com. The robin is traditionally a symbol of both honor and of Christ's sacrificial love.*

*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**.*

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

Our prayer of confession today is modified from a longer one originally written by the Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo, currently the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Southern New England and Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

This week in Sunday School Northminster's Preschoolers will learn about Paul and the Philippians (Philippians 1:1-14), 2nd & 3rd graders about Paul's shipwreck (Acts 27-28:10 and 4th & 5th graders about the Gospel (Acts 10:9-20; 34-35).

***we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.***  
In a world filled with hunger and greed,  
***we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.***  
Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,  
***who sacrificed the might of heaven to show the power of love and grace. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN

*We Gather Together*

Purple, No. 336

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***Gracing God, we hear the words from Jesus: "Take up your cross and follow me." These words scare us. We know what taking up a cross meant for him. We do not feel able to sacrifice our lives. We struggle on most days to sacrifice smaller things for the sake of your or any other Kingdom. Today, O Creator, we confess our timidity, our weaknesses, our fears, and our hesitations. By your Spirit, may we find courage, hope, and the peace to truly follow Jesus. Help us continue the life-long journey towards finding our crosses and figuring out how to bear them. In the name of the Prince of Peace, Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
***Let us declare the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

\*RESPONSE

Purple, No. 1, verse 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

\*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

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Blue, No. 2128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Gracious Spirit, as your word is read and proclaimed, open our ears and our minds. As we then seek to live your word, open our hearts and our hands to be your loving, self-offering presence in the world. Amen.*

FIRST READING                      Matthew 28:16-20                      NT, p. 34

SERMON READING                      Psalm 27                      OT, p. 503-504  
This is the word of the Lord.                      ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON                      *Let Your Heart Take Courage:  
Honoring Sacrifice, Seeking Peace*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*SERMON HYMN                      *This is My Song*                      Purple, No. 340

STATEMENT OF FAITH                      Purple, p. 37, Sec. 2  
*A Brief Statement of Faith*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE                      Purple, No. 1, verse 2  
*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory                      *Festival of Hymns*                      Arr. J. Constantine

\*Response                      *Holy, Holy, Holy!*                      Purple, No. 1, verse 3

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous God, we thank you for all we have and all we are. Take what we gratefully, joyfully give here, including our very lives and use all to be a blessing to the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

*"This is My Song," sometimes called "A Song of Peace," uses the familiar Sibelius tune Finlandia. The first two verses were written between the two World Wars by poet Lloyd Stone when he was 22 years old. The final verse, the most overtly Christian aspect of the hymn, was the final of three extra verses written by Methodist theologian Georgia Harkness in 1964 to accompany the first two.*

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN            *For the Healing of the Nations*            Purple, No. 346

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL RESPONSE            *Amen*            M. Haugen

POSTLUDE            *Agincourt Hymn*            John Dunstable

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

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Michelle and Oren Schumaker in celebration of the baptism of their sons, Wyatt and Dean.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Emily Eloff

*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*—Tom Abendroth, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, Leslie Noble

*Acolytes*—Jasper & Anabelle Brown

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