

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 13, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Ian Quinn

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience."—Eugene Peterson

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You are at work in this place, O God,
and you are at work in us.

You call us to turn our minds and hearts to you,
***to direct our wills to your will,
our voices to your praise.***

Guide us in joy,
***that we may worship you not only with words,
but with our lives. Amen.***

Today's cover art is a detail from a fresco from the Dečani, a medieval Serbian Orthodox monastery from the 14th Century located in modern Kosovo. It purports to depict the named women of Philippi: Euodia and Syntyche, referenced in Philippians, and Lydia, who is referenced in the Book of Acts.

The rose in the chancel celebrates the birth of Griffin Robert Levy. He is the son of Marie and Mike Levy and grandson of Leslie and Paul Lehner. He was born on May 8th. Mom and dad, along with siblings Cooper and Adele, are thrilled that Griffin is here! With joy we celebrate this miracle of new life!

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

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**.

Our confession sequence comes from the collaborative online liturgical resource Re:Worship. Their blog can be found at reworship.blogspot.com.

Today Northminster's youngest will be participating in Children's Chapel, learning about the beginning of the church from a Junior High skit based on Acts 2. The children also are receiving communion.

*HYMN *Here in This Place*

Purple, No. 401

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

"Be of the same mind," says God.

But we like to be independent, each going our own way.

"Have the same love," says Christ.

But we are not even certain what love is, let alone how to do it.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition and look not to your own interests but to those of others," says the Spirit.

But then how will we get ahead?

How will we secure our future?

How will we have enough?

"Be one with the mind of Christ, who was obedient to the end."

***We bristle at the obedience—
we like to believe we are in the lead.***

Forgive us, O God,

for we have replaced you with our own ideals, created you in the image of our cultural and economic dreams, and situated ourselves at the top of the heap.

Yet you call us to let go, to be humble, to look always to Christ who emptied himself.

***Empty us of all that harms, so we may be filled with your Spirit.
Amen.***

Hear this good news: God is at work in you. Live this truth: God's grace is more than enough for whatever you carry. Know that we are forgiven, loved, and free.

We will rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

*RESPONSE

Purple, No. 7, verse 2

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

*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. 7, verse 3

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Light of lights, your people gather as one this day to hear your word read and proclaimed. Open our hearts and minds, shape us for such a time as this to be the community you are calling us, loving us, into being. Amen.

ANTHEM

SERMON READING Philippians 2:1-13 NT, p. 197
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Same Mind, Same Love*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *O for a World* Purple, No. 372

STATEMENT OF FAITH Purple, Page 17
Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *Rain Down* Purple, No. 48

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Exultate Deo* A. Scarlatti

Exultate Deo adjutori nostro; Sing we merrily unto God our
Alleluia, jubilate Deo Jacob. strength;
Alleluia, make a cheerful noise
unto the God of Jacob.

*Response Purple, No. 7, Verse 1
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for blessing us with resources of body, mind and spirit. We acknowledge the responsibilities our privilege births within. In joy and hope we bring these gifts to you, O God. Take, bless, and use all that we offer today, even our very lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The central portion of today's text (verses 6-11) is typically called "the Christ Hymn." Some have hypothesized that Paul is quoting a liturgical song or litany that might have been known to the Philippians much like one of our pastors quoting from a well-known hymn in a sermon.

Inspired by Medieval mystic Julian of Norwich (1342-1416), poet Jean Wiebe Janzen reshaped this great woman of the church's words into lyrics for "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth." The hymn was commissioned for the 1992 Mennonite hymnal but has gained ecumenical praise since that time.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Purple, No. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God*

J. Cruger

POSTLUDE *Erstanden ist der heilige Christ*

J.S. Bach

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 the Fennell family.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastor Jessica

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—Ben Buettell, Lee Kohl, Molly McDowell, Ethan Sparrow

Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

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