

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 10, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ASP COMMISSIONING



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

Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord

Gerald Read

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"You were given your gifts for the joy you may give in return"

—Young Adult Fiction author Cornelius Addison in

"Tom Thorneval: Dream Merchant Extraordinaire."

INTROIT

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

J. Zundel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work, to support and heal.

Pastor Michael will explain the significance of this 1930's era photo from Harlan County, KY, in his sermon today.

An asterisk indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics.***

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.
You are the gathering one
who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.
Let us worship the God who makes us one.

*HYMN *Light Dawns on a Weary World* Purple, No. 79

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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 *Sanctuary* Purple, No. 701

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Spirit of Christ, by your Word and your will, we have life. So
speak to your children this day that we and our world might
discover our gifts and our callings and so understand the
way you would have us go and the communities you would
send us to love and serve. Amen.***

FIRST READING Galatians 5:13-14 NT, p. 190

ANTHEM *No Time* arr. Susan Brumfield

SERMON READING 1 Peter 4:8-10 NT, p. 235
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON *Stewards of Grace, Repairers of the Breach*

*We traditionally use the
"debts" and "debtors"
form of The Lord's
Prayer.*

*Today marks the
beginning of Summer
Sunday School.
Children in Preschool
through 5th grade start
in worship with parents
and then go to classes
with teachers. Pick-up
is immediately after
worship in their
classrooms.*

*Our sermon title today
is taken from a line in
the Sermon Reading
paired with a line from
Isaiah 58, where the
prophet speaks to a
younger generation
about how they will be
those to help unite a
society that has been
divided by time,
wealth, education and
power. (Sometimes
Pastor Michael isn't
very subtle.)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other* Purple, No. 754

*COMMISSIONING SERVICE AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

*We go to be present with one another, the ASP staff,
and the families we will serve and get to know.*

Love God. Love Neighbor.

*We go to make a change for good in our own lives and in the
lives of others, to make homes warmer, safer, and dryer.*

Love God. Love Neighbor.

We go to experience God in new and powerful ways.

Love God. Love Neighbor.

*We go so we can come back, empowered to work for a just
world for all.*

***As you go, we go with you in Spirit:
awed by God's wonder, present with our prayers,
inspired by your commitment, and
empowered to work together upon your return
for a more just and fair world for all. Amen***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE *O Day of Peace* Purple, No. 373

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *I Want to Be Ready* arr. P. Mickelson

*Response *We Are One in the Spirit* Purple, No. 300, v. 3

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***In gratitude, we offer these gifts and our very lives to
you, O God. Take all and with them, transform your
world with creativity, commitment, and compassion as
we strive to live your love every day. Amen.***

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN Purple, No. 766, vs. 1, 3 & 4
The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

For our Commissioning, all ASP participants are invited to fill the aisles, standing close enough that those in the pews can lay hands on you during the prayer. In the litany, ASP participants say the words printed in Italics, Pastor Michael says the plain text and **everyone else reads the bold italics.**

Our closing hymn uses a tune originally composed by one the greatest arrangers of hymns that were born as slavery protest songs, Harry T. Burleigh, Jr. As a student at the National Conservatory of Music in the late 19th century, Burleigh could often be found singing in the office of composer Antonin Dvorák, who is credited with taking up the African pentatonic scale after hearing Burleigh sing spirituals using that scale.

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* arr. Nelsie Johnson

POSTLUDE *Nicaea* Robert Hebble

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Bob & Rita Bailey in honor of Marilyn Woodman.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Al Williams

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

Ushers—Greg Boyer, Tom Buess, Andy Eloff, Leslie Noble

Acolytes—Sydney & Chloe Ross

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Kirby—*Senior Pastor & Head of Staff*

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

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Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

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Carey Garrison—*Director of Mom's Morning Out*

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Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

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