

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 3, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

Variations on "King's Weston"

Richard Rosewall

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Eucharist ... There you will find romance, glory, honor, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.

—J.R.R. Tolkien

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**.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called.

We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.

Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life of service and meekness.

Today's Call to Worship is substantially modified from one originally written by Presbyterian pastor/blogger the Rev. Thom Shuman.

We come seeking sustenance for a world starving for peace, in humility and gentleness, seeking, too, patience and love.

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

***We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.***

Live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

We gather as God's family at the table prepared for us, waiting to be fed by the Bread of Life so that we might be Bread for the World. Let us worship God.

*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* Purple, No. 317

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEMS Cherub & Elementary School Choirs
I've Got the Joy and Jesus Loves Me

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Seek Ye First* Purple, No. 175, verse 1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Author of Love, across the generations you call faithful people to live as your Beloved, your Sent, your Love for the world. Help us to hear that call this day as your Word is proclaimed. May we respond in faith and joy, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERMON READING Ephesians 4:1-16 NT, p. 189-190

SERMON *A Survival Guide for the Modern Christian*

Today in Sunday School the preschoolers through third graders are learning about Lydia from Acts 16:9-15, and the fourth and fifth graders are studying the Body of Christ from Romans 12:1-8.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Lamb of God

Cathy Moglebust

Youth & Adult Bell Choirs

*Response

Take, O Take Me as I Am

Purple, No. 698

*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 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. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God is with us!

We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.....proclaim the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

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...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

This morning's offertory piece, Lamb of God, was inspired by the text of the Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; grant us peace." It is fitting that its musicians are intergenerational, as the composer, Cathy Moglebust, discovered her love of hand bells when she was a child playing in her church's hand bell choir.

Today, as a sign of our response to God's gracing love, we will come forward and receive communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread (it is all gluten free) and either dip it in the common cup or take a cup from the tray provided. Those who have difficulty coming forward are invited to remain in their seats and a server will bring communion to you.

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC *Violin Sonata in B-flat* W.A. Mozart
Sarah Bowen, Violin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *Together We Serve* Purple, No. 767

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE *Fanfare* arr. Martha Thompson

Everyone is invited to Logan Hall after the worship service to show our appreciation for Northminster's Sunday School teachers and to listen to the Chopin School Small Orchestra.

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Leslie and Paul Lehner in celebration of the birth of their seventh grandchild, Griffin Robert Levy, on May 8, 2018.

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, Kate Lee, Sarah Bowen, Cherub & Elementary School Choirs, Youth & Adult Bell Choirs

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

Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

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