

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 8, 2018

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WHY GOD? WHY CHURCH?



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

A Morning Contemplation

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A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people."

— G.K. Chesterton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God would teach us to love, even the imperfect people,

so we can love others as we love ourselves.

God would teach us to deny ourselves,
even walking the extra mile with us,

*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 opening hymn, and all of today's hymns, can be found in the "Blue Hymnal," Sing the Faith. The words to this hymn may not be familiar, but the tune is one we have sung to many times.

We typically use "debts" and "debtors" when reciting The Lord's Prayer.

***so we can give ourselves to others
as generously as Christ has given himself for us.***

God would teach us new ways to journey through life,
***So that we might follow the paths of grace, hope,
compassion and joy all the way to the coming sovereign
reign of the One who is love personified. Let us worship
God.***

*HYMN

Blue, No. 2004

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

***A friend hurts us, we hurt back; someone hits us, we
strike back; a family member disrespects us, we cut them
out of our lives; a co-worker ridicules us, we gossip
about him or her. That's how we have been taught to
deal with those around us. But now, God of mercy, you
call us to a different life: the life of forgiving, not
revenge; the life of peace, not anger; the life of love, not
hate. As you forgive us of all we have done, may we
walk in your new ways of living, as we follow Jesus, our
Savior, our Teacher. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

It begins with God and ends with God—that love which can create, renew, restore. God loves us and forgives us—now and forever.

***As we listen to God's songs of mercy, we are cradled in
grace—now and forever. Amen.***

*RESPONSE

Bless the Lord

Blue, No. 2013, twice

*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

Blue, No. 2128, verse 3

Come and Find the Quiet Center

This week in Sunday School Northminster's youngest will continue their Christmas in July study and activities.

Our closing hymn is another where the words are not so familiar, but the tune is one we have sung many times.

If you leave during the Postlude, please remember some remain in a prayerful state of worship until it concludes.

*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.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* Blue, No. 2237

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune & March* Jeremiah Clark

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Tom & Sue Swigert in memory of Tom's parents, Dr. Verne & Marjorie Swigert, and Tom's brothers, Charles and Stevenson.

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 & Margaret Philbrick

Ushers—Greg Boyer, Andy Eloff, John Morrison, Leslie Noble

Acolytes—Daniel & Henry Fennell

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*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Kate Lee—*Director of Youth Music*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

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Alex DeMarco—*Director of Youth Ministry*

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

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

Claudinetta Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Assistant/
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

Athina Sato—*Financial Secretary*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

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