

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 7, 2018 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION 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

Yoruba Lament

Fela Sowande Nigerian

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"These commandments were meant and should be taken as interpretations of a new reality, not as orders directed against the old reality. They are descriptions and not laws."

—Theologian Paul Tillich

INTROIT

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

W.R. Runyan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

United Kingdom

From north and south and east and west

Let all the people praise you, Lord;

On the vast plains and in the deepest rainforests,

Let all the people praise you.

In the mountains and in the lowlands and valleys,

Let all the people praise you.

In city cathedrals and nomads' tents,

Let all the people praise you.

Welcome to Northminster! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Visitors, please stop by the table at the tower entrance to learn more about our community and pick up a gift for visiting us.

As it is World Communion Sunday, our liturgy today comes from the global church. Each country of origin is listed where known.

*An asterisk * indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able. You are invited to join in saying all text that appears in **bold italics**.*

With a multitude of languages and an array of symbols,

Let all the people praise you.

In song and prayer, in sharing together of bread and cup,

Let all the people praise and worship you, O God!

*HYMN *O Sing to the Lord* Verses 1, 3 & 4 Purple, No. 637 *Brazil*

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Famba Naye
Sunday School Choir

Zimbabwe

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Purple, No. 414 *Scotland*

Be Still and Know That I Am God (2x)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kenya

Wind of God, blow into us—your living love, your healing touch, your splendid courage, your mighty strength, your perfect peace, your caring concern, your divine grace, your boundless joy, your Word. Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, blow now. Amen.

SERMON READING Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

OT, pp 65-66

SERMON

The Shape of Freedom

WELCOMING AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTIONS AND CHARGE

UNISON PRAYER

United States

Creating God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people gathered into the Body of Christ. We thank you for reforming us by calling new sisters and brothers in the faith into service with us. Together, may we live in your Spirit, loving one another and the world into which you send us, so that all are transformed by the gracing hope of Jesus Christ, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Translation of Special Music from Zimbabwe sung by the Sunday School Choir: "Walk with him, oh Father. We give thanks, oh Father."

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest are learning about the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus.

This morning we are thrilled to welcome into our church family ten new members! After the worship service, please say hello to Doris Calian, Eva Clauson, David Rankin and Kristen Westman, Erick Schremser and Tiffany Cobleigh-Williams, Bob and Erin Tegge, Matt and Kelle Totsch and their families. God has truly blessed our faith community by adding to our number these new friends!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

In Endless Song

J. Martin

*Response

Purple, No. 654 *France*

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

South Africa

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious care may give and preserve the seeds which we plant with what is offered here that in your hands they may bring forth fruit in good measure; that we who constantly receive from your goodness may always give thanks to you, the giver of all good things; through Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN

Purple No. 526 *Jamaica*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Canada

Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

Life that never ends!

Here and now Christ feeds the world!

Plenty for all, enough for today!

Come to the table of justice and joy!

No one will be turned away!

No neighbor in need will go wanting!

Let praise go up to God our Giver of Life!

From every creature on God's good earth!

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... we give you glory, and we praise your name!

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Today, as a sign that God comes to us where we are, in the midst of life, we receive communion in our seats. Remembering that we are each loved for our unique selves, when the bread comes, you are invited to eat it individually. Remembering too, that we are part of a larger community of believers, we hold the cup until all have received and then drink together.

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

*HYMN *O God of Every Nation* Purple, No. 756 *Wales*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

* RESPONSE *Amen, We Praise Your Name* *South Africa*

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* William Boyce

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Elizabeth, Jeff, Brian & Molly Sedin and Darlene Tennerstedt
in memory of Dick Tennerstedt.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Kelly Brest van Kempen

Musicians—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Northminster Chancel Choir,
Sunday School Choir

Soloists: Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Alec Carroll & Nathan Gregory

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*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Dr. Sarah Bartolome—*Director of Youth Music*

Rev. Autum Lum—*Interim Youth Sunday School Coordinator*

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

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudinette Voltaire—*Mom's Morning Out Coordinator
& Sunday Nursery Assistant*

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT STAFF

Sharyn Wilson Woods—*Parish Administrator*

Athina Sato—*Financial Secretary*

Alex Villegas—*Sunday Sexton*

Mark Larsen—*Interim Facilities Manager*

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Greg Boyer—*Clerk of Session*

Gretchen Wooldridge—*Deacon Moderator*

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