

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 14, 2018

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BUILDING UP THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD



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

Andante
(from *Grande Piece Symphonique*)

Cesar Franck

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"It is always quietly thrilling to find yourself looking at a world you know well but have never seen from such an angle before."

— **Bill Bryson**

INTROIT

Give Thanks

H. Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, our Covenant Friend,

you have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.

We thank you for your loving care,

which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

We will praise your holy name and your gracious love now and forever.

Let us worship God! Alleluia, Amen.

*HYMN *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Purple, No. 645

*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 Call to Worship this morning is modified from liturgy originally created by the Methodist Church for their annual "Covenant Renewal Sunday," typically held on the Sunday after Christmas each year.

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

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only strength in life and in death?

***That my life is not my own, but that I belong, body
and soul, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.***

In full confidence of God's amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

***Great healer of the wounds of sin, we confess that
we reject your tender care.***

In our quest for pleasure, we despise your blessings.

In our fear of scarcity, we reject your bounty.

In our compulsion to control, we resist your authority.

Lord, have mercy. Forgive our past failures.

***Create a new and right spirit within us, and by your Holy
Spirit, grant the wholeness that is ours only through Christ.***

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

Surely God is our salvation;

We will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is our strength

and our might and our salvation. Alleluia, Amen!

*RESPONSE *Blessed Assurance* Purple, No. 839, refrain only

*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. 408, verse 1

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Spirit of Wisdom and Grace, grant us willing ears and open
hearts that as your Word is read and proclaimed we may
grow in understanding and be inspired to lives worthy of our
calling as your beloved children. In your Name we pray,
Amen.***

SERMON READING Joshua 24:1-15, 24-28 OT, pp 215-216.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***Building Up the Household of God:
Rocks and Renewal***

*This week in Sunday
School Northminster's
youngest will learn
about Joshua from
Joshua 24:1-15.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*SERMON HYMN

Purple, No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed, Ecumenical

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

Today we are beginning a five-week sermon series: Building Up the Household of God. It's both announcing and companioning our stewardship season as we prepare for next year. The stewardship theme ("What Does the Lord Require of You?") is taken from the preaching text for the last week of this sermon series, Sunday November 11th, which will be Commitment Sunday when we will receive and dedicate pledges for 2019. Your stewardship materials will be available for pick-up next Sunday or will be mailed next Monday.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Purple, No. 306, verse 2

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem* Edward Bairstow

*Response *Lord of All Good* Purple, No. 711, verse 1

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, may these gifts and our lives, which we offer in response to your love and your mercy, be used in fruitful ways to proclaim your grace and peace to all the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Standing on the Promises* Purple, No. 838

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Amen* E. Bairstow

POSTLUDE *O That I Had Ten Thousand Voices* Paul Manz

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

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Pres West in memory of Gail West and in celebration
of our children Kerry, Laura, and Scott.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Becky Wanberg

A Time with the Children—Chad Davidson

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Alice & Claire Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

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