

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 28, 2018

REFORMATION SUNDAY

23RD 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

Apparition of the Church Eternal

Messiaen

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"True wisdom consists of two things:
knowledge of God and knowledge of self."*

—John Calvin, Father of the Protestant Reformation

INTROIT

All Hail to God's Anointed

J. Montgomery

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 67

This is a new day filled with fresh possibilities.

We gather to participate in the new things God is doing.

May God be gracious to us and bless all the earth.

May the light of God's holy face shine on us,

That the Lord's wisdom may be known,

That God's saving power might be seen in us.

Let all people praise God.

Let all people be glad and sing for joy!

Let us worship God!

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*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**.*

Today's version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Purple Hymnal on page 35 and uses "debts" and "debtors."

The rose in the chancel this morning celebrates the birth of Evan Matthew Rosic. Evan is the fourth grandson of Mary and George, and the third son of Nick and Val. Evan joins big brothers Oliver and Callan, who have already begun calling themselves (including Evan) the wolf pack. Evan was born on October 4th. As we welcome Evan to our world, we praise God for the miracle of life and the incredible gift of family!

Our third graders will be receiving Bibles as a part of "A Time with the Children." Given the Reformation motto of "Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone," it seems a most proper day for this presentation.

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about Solomon from the Book of 1 Kings.

*HYMN

Verses 1, 3 & 5, Purple, No. 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Gracious God of all, we welcome all who come, and yet we look around the room and mostly see friends who look a lot like we do. We listen, and we hear voices and ideas and hopes that sound a lot like ours. Search our hearts, our actions and our thinking, forgive us any barriers we have placed between us and those you have created. Forgive us for those times we see a stranger and not your child. Transform us into your living wisdom, your living welcome, that our wisdom might be seen in our hopes for others and in our providing welcome to all in need of friendship, compassion and hope. In thanksgiving for your movement among us and for our forgiveness in your grace, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The God of wisdom knows our hearts.

The God of love forgives all our failings.

The God of peace calms our fears.

The God of hope inspires us to lives worthy of our status as beloved children of God.

The God of grace calls us to hear the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE

Come Sing to God

Verse 4, Purple, No. 805

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Verse 1, Purple, No. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Maker of the stars, give us light to see;
Proclaimer of wisdom, give us ears to hear;
Inspirer of all, give us minds to understand;
O, One whom we worship, give us strength
and courage to respond. Amen.***

ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress

SERMON READING

1 Kings 3:4-28

OT, p. 306

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Building up the Household of God:
Misty Watercolor Memories*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Purple, No. 12

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

We acknowledge with humility and thanksgiving that our understanding is not mature enough to comprehend the spiritual wisdom of God which is revealed to us by faith through the Spirit. Our hearts are too prone either to reticence or to a perverse confidence in ourselves and others to rest in God of their own accord. It is the wisdom granted through the illumination of the Holy Spirit that makes us capable of understanding Divine mysteries which would otherwise far exceed our capacity. It is not our actions, but the Spirit's which form us by sealing the promises of salvation on our hearts.

Our affirmation today is adapted from the answer to question 113 of the Geneva Catechism, originally written by John Calvin in the early days of the Protestant Reformation. It has been altered slightly to make it appropriate as a liturgical text.

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Glory to God in the Highest

R. Thompson

*Response

God of Grace

Verse 1, Purple, No. 307

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God, by the power of your Spirit, take what we offer here; use all to meet needs and to move your world ever closer to being one beloved family—your coming commonwealth of compassion, justice and peace. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Purple, No. 321

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CHORAL RESPONSE *All Rulers Bow before You* J. Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Rigaudon (Idomenee 1712)* Campra

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
in memory of William Garrison by his family.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Pastors Michael & Jessica

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

Ushers—Tom Abendroth, Linda Beckstedt, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg

Acolytes—Calvin & Merritt Wooldridge

Our Northminster Family at Work

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