

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

Eventide

C. Hubert Parry

"The bath of Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5: 10)" An engraving by Matthaeus Merian I (1593-1650). "590A." at Project for the Engraved Sources of Spanish Colonial Art (PESSCA). colonialart.org.

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this to see what you believe."

—Saint Augustine

INTROIT

Just as I Am

W. Bradbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Strangers meet.

Oil and grain turn to bread.

The sick are healed.

The weary are lifted up.

The prisoners are set free.

The everyday becomes a miracle.

This is God's work.

We are its witnesses. Let us worship God. Amen.

Ministry Matters

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**.*

We open our service with “For All the Saints” celebrating that this is All Saints Sunday, a day set aside to remember all those—famous and only famous to us—who are part of the “communion of saints” we confess whenever we recite The Apostles Creed. We tell stories of the saints “to glory gone.”

This morning the children will be learning about Deborah and Judges from the Book of Judges.

Offertory, Prayer text by Dana Gioia
Echo of the clocktower, footstep in the alleyway, sweep of the wind sifting the leaves. Jeweller of the spiderweb, connoisseur of autumn’s opulence, blade of lightning harvesting the sky. Keeper of the small gate, choreographer of entrances and exits, midnight whisper traveling the wires. Seducer, healer, deity or thief, I will see you soon enough – in the shadow of the rainfall, in the brief violet darkening a sunset – but until then I pray watch over them as a mountain guards its covert ore and the harsh falcon its flightless young.

*HYMN *For All the Saints* Purple, No. 326

*OPENING PRAYER

*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 *Thy Word* Purple, No. 458

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All loving God, by your Holy Word, you have called us together to be a church of love and service to the world. We know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your Word, that it might be written upon our hearts and proclaimed in our living. Amen.

SERMON READING 1 Kings 5:1-15 OT, pp. 307-308

SERMON Building Up the Household of God:
The Power of Empty Space

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

Northminster All Saints Necrology
Baptismal Commendations
Prayer of Gratitude

*Response Verse 1, Purple, No. 325
For All Your Saints Still Striving

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Prayer* Morten Lauridson
*Response *We Lift our Voices* Purple, No. 710

*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 that we do, say, and are may further your coming reign of peace, justice, and love. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*COMMUNION HYMN *I Come with Joy* Purple, No. 515

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe,
***for your promise is true, you are with us always, even
to the end of the age.***

We give you thanks,
***for in the beginning you created with a word
and the whole world reflects your glory.***

We give you thanks,
***for with a word you called for yourself a people,
gave us your breath, your name, your blessing,
so that we might be a blessing.***

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...lift us up to your heavenly banquet,
***where we join our voices with your people across the
ages proclaiming your goodness, your power, and
your glory, praying for courage to live by and within
your grace.***

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal,
this gathered community, we give ourselves to you. Take
us out to live as changed people because we have shared
the living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of
us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage
many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both
as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth
of heaven. Amen.***

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.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN *Faith Begins by Letting Go* Purple, No. 684

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *O Lamb of God* W. Bradbury

POSTLUDE *Grande Chouer* Theodore Dubois

If you leave during the Postlude, please show respect for those who remain in their seats to listen. Thank you.

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by the Clark/Regan Family in loving memory
of Vincent Robert Regan and Teresa Marie Regan.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

Liturgist—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

A Time with the Children—Junior and Senior High Sunday School Members

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Nate & Theo Janes-Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

PROGRAM AND WORSHIP STAFF

Rev. Michael D. Kirby—*Senior Pastor & Head of Staff*

Rev. Jessica C. Gregory—*Associate Pastor*

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Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

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