

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### 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

*Melodia*

Max Reger

#### A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

*"Gratitude is not about stuff. Gratitude is the emotional response to the surprise of our very existence, to sensing that inner light and realizing the astonishing sacred, social, and scientific events that brought each one of us into being.*

*We cry out like the psalmist,  
'I am fearfully and wonderfully made!' (Ps. 139:14)."*

**—Diana Butler Bass**

*The above image of an oil droplet offers a visual for the scriptural focus for this morning's sermon from Psalm 23:5 "...you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."*

#### INTROIT

*Earth and All Stars*

D. Johnson

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."

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shouts of joy! Songs of praise!  
Sounds of hope and love!

***These are moments of thanksgiving—  
thanks giving to our God!***

We are God's people, led by God's love.  
On this chilly fall morning, we are gathered  
as with joy at the harvest.

***These are moments of thanksgiving—  
thanks giving to our God!***

God's love is never ending. God is good!

***All the time! Let us worship God!***

**\*HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

Purple, No. 336

**\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE**

***God of abundant grace, we confess our misuse of your creation. We are sorry for the times when we have used this world carelessly and acted ungratefully. We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but will not hear the cries of the hungry. We are too often distracted, inattentive to our privilege, and we fail to care enough for the world you have made. We store up goods for ourselves, as if they are the way to win at living. Maker of all, in your mercy, forgive us and help us to be more mindful, more grateful, more satisfied, more generous with the abundance all around us. In Jesus' name, Amen.***

**ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION**

God is love.

***We love because God first loved us.***

If we love one another, God lives in us; God's love is perfected in us.

***Let us go forth, sharing God's love and forgiveness.  
Amen.***

**\*RESPONSE**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

Purple, No. 473 (2x)

**\*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

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Creating and Creative God, help us to hear your Word this day, open to the movement of your Spirit within us, this church and the world. As your Word is proclaimed, may we respond in faith and joy, through Jesus Christ. Amen.***

ANTHEM

C. Gabriel; Arr. J. Raney

*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

SERMON READING

Psalm 23

OT, p. 501

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

*The Remedy*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Purple, No. 803

STATEMENT OF FAITH

from *The Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

***In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

*Amazing Grace*

Verse 3, Purple No. 649

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Response

*Amazing Grace*

Verse 4, Purple, No. 649

*This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest will learn about God's Call to Samuel.*

*Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Wilson is the Director, Collaboration and Community Partnerships for the Presbytery of Chicago, Presbyterian Church (USA). In this role, she models the Presbytery's core values of connecting, listening, equipping and supporting, to facilitate building sustainable, collaborative partnerships with leaders of the 87 congregations and community stakeholders in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. She is a catalyst for healthy relationship building, leader equipping, and community engagement to promote and enhance vitality and to strengthen mission for community development and redevelopment. Rev. Wilson is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC).*

\*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 one community of your beloved family—your coming commonwealth of compassion, justice and peace. Amen.***

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN                      *We Will Go Out with Joy*                      Purple, No. 539

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

RESPONSE                      *Earth and All Stars*                      D. Johnson

POSTLUDE                      *Dun Danket Alle Gott*                      Noel Rawsthorne

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Fennell Family.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Dr. Barbara A. Wilson

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Al Williams

*Musicians*—Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, the Adult Bell Choir

*Ushers*—Lee Knohl, Molly McDowell, Leslie Noble, Ethan Sparrow

*Acolytes*—Claire & Alice 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*

Rev. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson—*Parish Associate*

Dr. Christopher Owen—*Director of Music*

Paul Vander Weele—*Organist*

Dr. Sarah Bartolome—*Director of Youth Music*

Margaret Parcell—*Director of Northminster Nursery School*

Meredith Rogowski—*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

Rev. Autumn Lum—*Interim Director of Youth Ministries*

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

Lisa Martinez—*Sunday Nursery Supervisor*

Claudinetta 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*

Members of NPC—*Ministers*

*If you leave during  
the Postlude, please  
show respect for  
those who remain to  
listen.*