

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

6TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

SCOUT 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

"The Peace may be exchanged"

Dan Locklair

A Thought as You Prepare for Worship

"If someone isn't what others want them to be, the others become angry. Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own."

— **Paulo Coelho**

INTROIT

Love is Love is Love is Love

Abbie Betinis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

K. Hawker

We have seen the light of God;

on high mountains of celebration and in the ecstasy of a beloved's embrace.

We have seen the light of God;

through the bitter scorn of betrayal and the searing chasm of grief.

We have seen the light of God;

with eyes that have been blinded, with eyes that have been shaded, with eyes that have been opened.

We have seen the light of God. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*This morning's quote comes from Coelho's bestselling *The Alchemist*, tells the mystical and spiritual story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure.*

*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*

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

Northminster chartered Troop 924 in 1926, three years before the sanctuary was built. In its more than nine decades, the troop has given thousands of boys the opportunity to grow in leadership, fellowship and service, many of whom also grew up at Northminster.

*HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

Purple, No. 463

*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED OF GRACE

Merciful God, we confess that we live distracted lives and fail to see your hand at work in us and around us. Our ignorance and arrogance cause us to misuse what you have entrusted to our care. We have also been timid in proclaiming your Gospel both with our lives and our words. Too often we have narrowed our vision to see and encounter only those who look, believe or worship like us, forgetting to share your loving grace to the ends of the earth. Revive our souls once again; show us anew your paths of love, justice, and peace. Guided by your Holy Spirit, may we be peacemakers and, when the gospel demands it, troublemakers in our daily living. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF RESTORATION

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

***Let us declare the Good News!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

*RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God

Purple, No. 695

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ SCOUT RECOGNITION

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Spirit of the Living God* Purple, No. 288

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the distractions of worry, fear, envy, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

J. Rutter

SERMON READING

Matthew 7:1-14

NT, pp. 6-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Purple, No. 688 vs. 1,3,4,5

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe in a word that forms on the lips of the creator
and echoes in our deepest longings:*

a word that is LOVE.

We believe in a word that breaks the silence of evil
and disturbs the noise of ignorance:

a word that is JUSTICE.

*We believe in a word that brings life out of death
and laughter with the morning:*

a word that is GRACE.

We believe in a word that tears up the darkness
flooding it with light:

a word that is TRUTH.

*We believe in a word that speaks to all loneliness
with self-giving compassion and care:*

a word that is MERCY.

***We believe in the Word made flesh that speaks to our futures
calling us by name, to trust anew, and claim each of these
words as our birthright and calling—summed up in a word
called HOPE.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

Purple, No. 175

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory

Agnus Dei M.W. Smith Arr. by J. Raney

*Response

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Purple, No. 698

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Generous One, whose heart abounds with gifts for
creation, receive this offering and our very lives as
signs of our intention to live surrounded by your
mercy, open to the joy of your presence, living your
generosity every day. Amen.***

*Pulpit Side read the
plain italics.*

*Piano Side read the
plain text.*

***All read the bold italic
text.***

*Our affirmation of faith
was substantially
modified from one
originally used by the
Abbotsford Community
in Clydesdale,
Scotland.*

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN *Lord, Make Us More Holy* Purple, No. 313

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Love is Love is Love is Love* Abbie Betinis

POSTLUDE *"Darwall"* Healey Willan

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by
Margaret Harris in loving memory of Bob L. Harris.*

*You are invited to
remain in prayer
during the Postlude.
Those leaving during
the Postlude are asked
to do so in a way that
is not disruptive to
those who remain.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

Liturgists—Rev. Michael D. Kirby, Scouts Merritt Wooldridge, Calvin Wooldridge and Zach Brown

A Time with the Children—Pastor Michael and Scouts

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

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

Acolytes—Nate and Theo Janes-Smith

Our Northminster Family at Work

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