

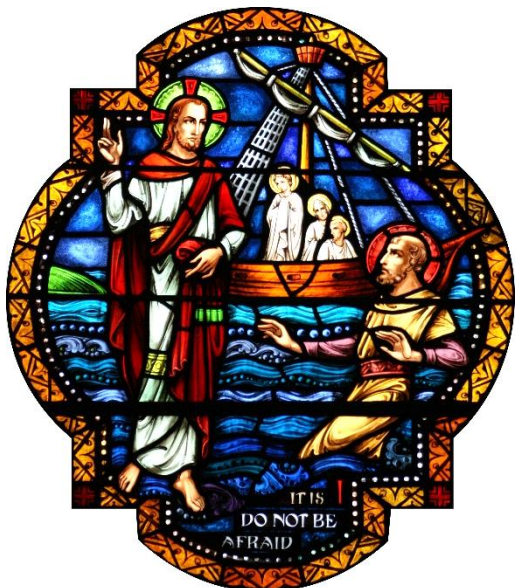
# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

8TH SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY



### 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

*Intrada*

Herbert Howells

*A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship*

*Spirit of life and love,*

*We have gathered in this sacred place, again.*

*May we create here a circle of love,  
ever expanding, ever growing.*

*A place of wisdom. A place of connection. A place of hope. Amen*

**—Rev. Rex Hunt, Uniting Church of Australia**

#### CHORAL INTROIT

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Iona/St Hilda Communities, alt.*

In the beginning, God made the world:

***Made it and mothered it,***

Shaped it and fathered it,

***Filled it with love and its folk with ability.***

God's is the hand that created you.

***All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silent,***

For God's is the hand that created you.

***The world belongs to a creative, creating God,***

***Whom we will worship with joy and hope!***

*Today's cover art consists of two stained glass "lozenge" windows from the "Miracles of Jesus" collection of the online free image collective [marysrosaries.com](http://marysrosaries.com).*

*Please join in speaking or singing all words printed in **bold italics**.*

*An asterisk\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in Spirit as you feel led and are able.*

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

This Sunday we are celebrating the baptism of Parker Adam Tegge, son of Robert Tegge and Erin Nicodem Tegge, and younger brother to Hannah. Parker was born on May 7, 2017 and we are thrilled to welcome him into this family of faith.

Because the children of the congregation play a role in making promises on behalf of the newly baptized, and to symbolize that God reaches out to claim us in love and grace before we can respond, we place the baptism early in the service, not as a response, but claiming the promise made in Christ before any action on our part.

\*HYMN

Purple, No. 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SHARING THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD, CLAIMING THE PROMISE

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Words of scripture: Ephesians 4:4-6

NT, p. 193

Presentation of the candidate for baptism

QUESTIONS TO FAMILY, CONGREGATION & CHILDREN

RENUNCIATIONS OF EVIL

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

***I do.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

***I will, with God's help.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Purple, p. 17

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM, ANOINTING & PRESENTATION OF LIGHT

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Parker Adam has been received.... Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.***

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry* Purple, No. 488

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Light and Life Eternal, you challenge us with incredible stories of your might and mystery. Help us to walk with you in our wonder and puzzlement. Let us experience your generous love in ways we can't yet imagine. Amen.***

ANTHEM

*Eat This Bread*

*J. Berthier*

SERMON READING Matthew 14:13-33

NT, p. 16

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

*Nothing But Failure*

*Today's sermon is partially informed by a paper Pastor Michael wrote for The Well in 2011.*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *How Can I Keep From Singing* Z. Stroope

\*Response Purple, No. 716, verse 1

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

***God whose giving knows no ending,***

***From your rich and endless store;***

***Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:***

***Gifted by you, we turn to you,***

***Offering up ourselves in praise;***

***Thankful song shall rise forever,***

***Gracious donor of our days.***

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\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

***God of Grace, you have gifted us with a world of abundance; a land of plenty; a country where all can have enough.***

***We come before you this day to thank you for our prosperity and declare our intention to share through what we offer now.***

***Righteous God, you hear the cry of the poor. You listen to those who do without, and we ask that you use what we offer here, even our very lives, to provide for the physical and spiritual nurture of your children here and around the globe.***

***May the manner in which we live, serve and give bear witness to our gratitude and our desire to follow Christ this and every day.***

***Amen.***

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*All are invited to remain in prayer during the Postlude. If you choose to depart, please do so in reverence.*

\*HYMN *Go, My Children with My Blessing* Purple, No. 547

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CLOSING RESPONSE *The Sure Provisions of My God*

POSTLUDE *Gaudeamus* Sydney Campbell

*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Terri Mascherin and Tom Abendroth in memory of Terri's father, Anthony Mascherin, and Tom's mother, Elizabeth Abendroth.*

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

*Preaching*—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

*Liturgist*—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

*A Time with the Children*—Michael Whitney

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

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

Steve Uliana, tenor; Doug Balkin, bass

*Ushers*—Tom Abendroth, Bruce Eddy, Scott Kellogg, John Morrison

*Acolytes*—C.J. Dominello & Henry Rogowski

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