

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 3, 2019

TRANSFIGURATION 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

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

A Prayer as You Prepare for Worship

*Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace;
help us to walk together, pray together, and live together
until that day when all of God's children...will rejoice
in one common band of humanity in the kingdom
of our Lord and our God. Amen*

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

INTROIT

Morning Has Broken

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a shadow-filled room, we seek the light of a lamp.

In the gloomiest night, we await the light of dawn.

When the moon disappears, we watch for the morning star.

As we gather to worship, we seek, we await,

we watch for the light of the risen and glorified Christ.

Welcome to Northminster! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. Visitors, please stop by the table at the tower entrance to learn more about our community and pick up a gift for visiting us.

*You are invited to join in saying all text that appears in **bold italics**. An * indicates you are invited to rise in body, or in Spirit, as you feel led and are able.*

Our opening hymn was written by Charles Wesley, brother of the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. We sing this hymn this morning in solidarity with those cousins in the faith who were so deeply pained by the actions of the United Methodist Church this week. Charles Wesley was famous for proclaiming that all are called to honest and loving relationships with God. The landmark biography of his remarkable life is entitled, "A Heart Set Free," a line from one of his hymns.

This week in Sunday School, Northminster's youngest are also learning about the Transfiguration in Matthew 17.

Derek K. Hakes, the composer of our Offertory this morning, is one of the most prolific bell composers and arrangers working today.

*HYMN

Purple, No. 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*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

Blue, No. 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Wind of God, blow into us—

***your living love, your healing touch, your splendid courage,
your mighty strength, your perfect peace, your caring concern,
your divine grace, your boundless joy, your Word.***

Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, blow now. Amen.

SERMON READING Matthew 16:24-17:8

NT, pp. 18-19

SERMON

Taking Up and Getting Up

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

WELCOMING AND RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTIONS AND CHARGE

UNISON PRAYER

***Creating God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant
people gathered into the Body of Christ. We thank you for
reforming us by calling new friends in the faith into service
with us. Together, may we live in your Spirit, loving one
another and the world into which you send us, so that all are
transformed by the gracing hope of Jesus Christ, to whom
we give honor and glory forever. Amen.***

OUR WORSHIPFUL WORK TOGETHER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Call to Offering

Offertory *Praise His Name in the Dance*

D. Hakes

*Response

Purple, No. 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we humbly pray that your gracious care may give and preserve the seeds which we plant with what is offered here; that in your hands they may bring forth fruit in good measure; that we who constantly receive from your goodness may always give thanks to you, the giver of all good things; through Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*HYMN

Blue No. 2268

As We Gather at Your Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Canada

Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

Life that never ends!

Here and now Christ feeds the world!

Plenty for all, enough for today!

Come to the table of justice and joy!

No one will be turned away!

No neighbor in need will go wanting!

Let praise go up to God our Giver of Life!

From every creature on God's good earth!

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... we give you glory, and we praise your name!

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Today, to mark that we are invited to respond to God's gracious love and Christ's calling to follow him in compassion, service, and self-offering, we will come forward to receive communion by intinction. The bread is gluten free. You are invited to take a piece of bread and either dip it in the common cup, or take one of the individual cups and eat and drink them separately. Those who have difficulty coming forward will be served in their seats.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

Purple, No. 192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Amen*

POSTLUDE *Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine* C. Tambling

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lynd Corley and Family in Memory of W. Gene Corley.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Preaching—Rev. Michael D. Kirby

Liturgist—Rev. Jessica C. Gregory

A Time with the Children—Greg Boyer

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

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

Acolytes—Luke Hayes and Shane Macris



Our Northminster Family at Work

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