

The Anthem

“Ubi Caritas”

Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Amen.

The Sermon

“The Life We Can’t Not Live”

Charles Poole

**COMMITMENT**

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Because we cannot see Christ, we cannot express our love to Him in person. But our neighbor we can see, and we can do for him or her what we would love to do for Jesus if he were here. Let us open to God so that He can use us. Let us put love into our actions, beginning in the family, in the neighborhood, in the street. It is difficult, but there is where the work begins. We are co-workers of Christ, a fruit bearing branch of the vine.

-Mother Teresa of Calcutta

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 539: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *HOUSTON*

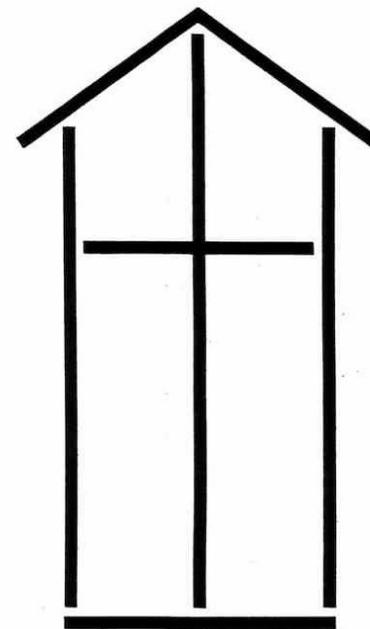
\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “Intermezzi” Schroeder

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for June 30 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 page 290  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 ~ pages 467-468  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 ~ page 948  
Luke 9:51-62 ~ page 843



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

-Matthew 22:36-40

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Today**

**11:30 a.m.**

**~ immediately following the worship service ~**

**~ AGENDA ~**

- ◆ Approve recommendations from the Education Leadership Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 Education Leadership

**NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 30, 2019  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

Those you have deeply loved become part of you. The longer you live, there will always be more people to be loved by you and to become part of your inner community. The wider your inner community becomes, the more easily you will recognize your own brothers and sisters in the strangers around you.

-Henri Nouwen

Prelude "In Christ There Is No East or West" Wood  
"Andante" Mendelssohn

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Yarrington  
*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song  
Bless the Lord!*

\*The Processional Hymn No. 26: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

\*The Litany of Praise Wilson Stribling

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have been set free!

**People: We are free to follow or to turn away;**

Leader: Free to love or to hate;

**People: Free to heal or to hurt.**

Leader: Let us choose the way of the Spirit: love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness;

**People: Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

**All: Let us love and serve the Lord. Let us love and serve one another.**

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation Wilson Stribling

The Witness of Christian Baptism Julia Parker  
Rosemary Hicks

The Baptismal Affirmation In Unison

Julia and Rosemary, we share in your joy today. Your profession of "Jesus is Lord" has made you one with us and with all believers everywhere. May today mark the beginning of your journey toward both the molding of your life to Christ's example and the discovery of your unique gifts for the betterment of the world in Christ's service. We pledge to you our encouragement and all the resources of our congregation as you continue to grow in Christ. May the peace of God the Father, the fellowship of the Spirit, and the love of the Son be with you always.

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Sometimes, O God, your word is too much for us. You ask us to love our enemies, when we can scarcely love our friends as we should. You ask us to give when we want to take, and to forgive when we want to nurse bitterness. We thank you that you accept us as we are, and that you show us what we can be. Help us to believe that we can be loving, just, and holy like you; through the grace of Jesus Christ.

-Ruth Duck

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 556: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

\*The Offertory Prayer Wilson Stribling

The Offertory "Ah, Leave Us With Thy Grace" Karg-Elert

\*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 9:51-62 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**