

## 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

You have to trust the place that is solid, the place where you can say yes to God's love even when you do not feel it. Right now you may feel nothing except emptiness and the lack of strength to choose. But keep saying, "God loves me, and God's love is enough." You have to choose the solid place over and over again . . .

-Henri Nouwen

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 747: "Lead On, O King Eternal" *LANCASHIRE*

\*The Benediction *Charles Poole*

\*The Postlude "Fanfare" *Phillips*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

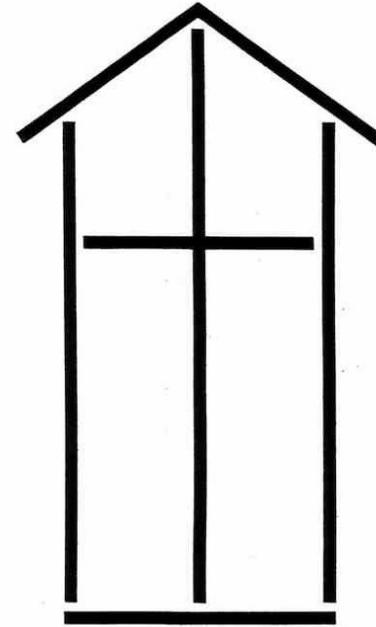
**The Lectionary passages for June 23 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

I Kings 19:1-15 ~ pages 284-285

Psalms 42 and 43 ~ pages 447-448

Galatians 3:23-29 ~ page 947

Luke 8:26-39 ~ page 841



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

There has never been a time past when God wasn't with us as the strength beyond our strength, the wisdom beyond our wisdom, as whatever it is in our hearts—whether we believe in God or not—that keeps us human enough at least to get by despite everything in our lives that tends to wither the heart and make us less than human. To remember the past is to see that we are here today by grace, that we have survived as a gift.

-Frederick Buechner

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, June 30**

**11:30 a.m.**

**~ immediately following the worship service ~**

**~ AGENDA ~**

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

(The 2019-2020 Education Leadership list will be included in the June 25 Northminster Newsletter.)

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

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 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

It is not easy to enter into the silence and reach beyond the many boisterous and demanding voices of our world and to discover there the small intimate voice saying: "You are my beloved child, on you my favor rests."

-Henri Nouwen

The Prelude "O God Beyond All Praising" Lasky  
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Manz

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. 52: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *ELLACOMBE*

\*The Litany of Praise Holly Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, so our souls long for the living God.

**People: God is with us!**

Leader: In our grief and in our sorrow,

**People: God is with us!**

Leader: When we feel like God is far from us, take heart;

**People: God is with us!**

Leader: The Lord is our refuge.

**People: The Lord is our strength.**

**All: Our hope is in the Lord, and we will praise the Lord forevermore.**

-Psalm 42, 43, adapted

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

Holly Wiggs

The Greeting

Charles Poole

The Lessons

I Kings 19:1-15  
Galatians 3:23-29

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

Although I have often abandoned you, O Lord, you have never abandoned me. Your hand of love is always outstretched towards me, even when I stubbornly look the other way. And your gentle voice constantly calls me, even when I obstinately refuse to listen.

-Teresa of Avila

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 636: "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"  
*WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Holly Wiggs

The Offertory "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" Manz

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 8:26-39 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" Titcomb

Behold now, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord;  
all ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord,  
even in the courts of the house of our God,  
lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.  
Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

The Sermon "Elijah's Prayer and God's Answer" Charles Poole