



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Martha was distracted by her many tasks.”

-Luke 10:40

“You can find God wherever you are and whatever you are doing. But sometimes your commitment to what you are doing can distract you from something more important, maybe even God.”

-Rev. Dr. John Buchanan
Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 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

“Our occupations and preoccupations fill our external and internal lives to the brim. They prevent the Spirit of God from breathing freely in us and thus renewing our lives.”
-Henry Nouwen

Prelude “When Love Is Found” Martin Callahan
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 20: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *ODE TO JOY*

*The Litany of Praise Noel Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.

People: We trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Leader: We will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

All: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim your name, for it is good.

-*Psalm 52:8-9*, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

*The Prayer of Invocation Noel Wiggs

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Gracious God, slow us down, and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needful, that we be still before you and know that you are God. Amen.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 502: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”
NEW BRITAIN

*The Offertory Prayer Noel Wiggs

The Offertory “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Callahan
*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 10:38-42 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “The Greatest of These Is Love” Bitgood
Amanda Milam, *soprano*

The Sermon “On Mary and Martha” Lesley Ratcliff

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

Today I’m flying low and I’m
Not saying a word.

I’m letting the voodoo of ambition sleep.

The world goes on as it must,

The bees in the garden rumble a little

The fish leaping, the gnats getting eaten

And so forth.

But I’m taking the day off

Quiet as a feather.

I hardly move though really I’m traveling

A terrific distance.

Stillness. One of the doors

Into the temple.

Amen.

-“Today”

Mary Oliver

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689: “The Church’s One Foundation” *AURELIA*

*The Benediction Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Bober

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for July 21 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Amos 8:1-12 ~ pages 748-749

Psalm 52 ~ page 453

Colossians 1:15-28 ~ pages 956-957

Luke 10:38-42 ~ page 845