

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

We create a bond and have fellowship as companions at the table of communion. *Companion*, from the Latin meaning “with bread,” is a person with whom we share bread and fellowship. In sharing bread we create community and become part of the body of believers, for we cannot exist alone. How may we be better companions and extend our concept of community beyond the walls of church, work, city, state, and nation?

*The Recessional Hymn No. 578: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

BEACH SPRING

*The Benediction

Major Treadway

*The Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

MAYO

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for July 7 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

II Kings 5:1-14 ~ page 293

Psalm 30 ~ page 439

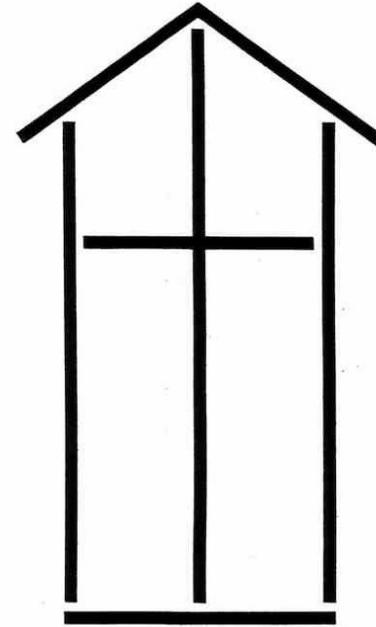
Galatians 6:1-16 ~ pages 948-949

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 ~ page 844

Due to the upgrades being made to our organ, the organ will be out of use for the month of July. Our worship in the sanctuary each week will be supported by the piano.

Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread. Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

At Communion

Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer
I am not caught in time nor held in space,
But, thrust beyond this posture, I am where
Time and eternity are face to face;
Infinity and space meet in this place
Where crossbar and upright hold the One
In agony and in all Love's embrace.
The power in helplessness which was begun
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun
Contained itself in the small confines of a child
Now comes to me in this strange action done
In mystery. Break time, break space, O wild
And lovely power. Break me: thus am I dead,
Am resurrected now in wine and bread.

-Madeleine L'Engle, *Glimpses of Grace*

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THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 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

At the table of communion is bread. Bread of life, it nourishes us and sustains us. So too does God, giver of all good things, nourish us with what we need and sustain us through all times, especially the hard ones. At the table of communion is the cup with the liquid essence from the fruit of the grape vine. It is the discipline of this vine that produces such fruit. After harvest the vines are cut back to stumps, and all spring and all summer long the vines are trimmed to only a few strong short branches so that all the sun's energy will go to making grapes sweet and plump. Much is cut and tossed--sacrificed to have the finest fruit. This discipline of the vine reminds us of the sacrifice made for us and sacrifices we may need to make.

Prelude "All Creatures of Our God and King" Palmer

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

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

*The Litany of Praise Amy Finkelberg

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: We enter into the house of the Lord with prayers and praise.

People: Lead us, Lord, lead us in your righteousness. Make your way plain before us.

Leader: Let all who take refuge in the Lord rejoice and sing praise.

All: Let us love the Lord, who protects us and gives us an abundance of steadfast love.

-Adapted from Psalm 5:7-12

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Amy Finkelberg

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons II Kings 5:1-14
Galatians 6:1-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

The discipline of the vine reminds us that we may need to make some sacrifices. What petty grievances should we toss, what actions and activities should we cut out, what words trimmed? Grant us wisdom to know what to change in our lives and strengthen our will to do so. Make us more mindful about what we do and guide our efforts to reach out to others, especially the needy or lonely.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 22: "Come, We That Love the Lord" *ST. THOMAS*

*The Offertory Prayer Amy Finkelberg

The Offertory "What Wondrous Love Is This" Sharp

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDRETH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Laudamus Te" Vivaldi

Laudamus te. We praise Thee, Lord.
Benedicimus te. We bless Thee, Lord.
Adoramus te. We adore Thee, Lord.
Glorificamus te. We glorify Thee, Lord.

Shirley Foster, *soprano*
Linda Mann McDaniel, *soprano*

The Sermon "What We Can Do" Major Treadway

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Major Treadway

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.