

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

If I believe that Jesus died,
And waking rose to reign above;
Then surely Sorrow, Sin and Pride
Must yield to Peace and Hope, and Love.
Anne Bronte

*The Recessional Hymn No. 692: "Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE

*The Benediction

Lesley Ratcliff

*The Postlude "Tuba Tune"

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**The congregation will please stand.*

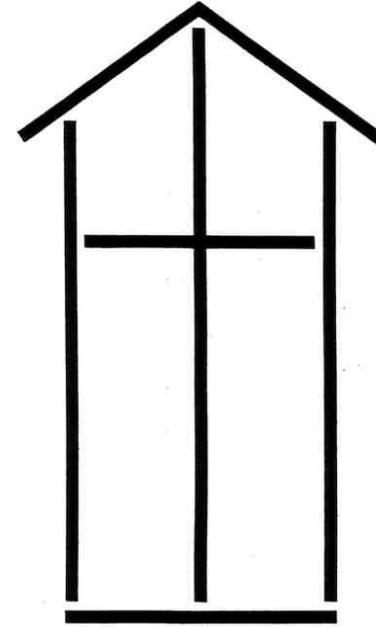
The Lectionary passages for August 18 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ page 552

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 ~ pages 470-471

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 ~ page 978

Luke 12:49-56 ~ page 848



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Eternal Power, of earth and air!
Unseen, yet in all around;
Remote, but dwelling everywhere;
Though silent, heard in every sound.

Faith and Doubt.

The Westminster Collection of Christian prayers

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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

As the rain hides the stars, as Autumn mist hides the hills, as clouds veil the blue of sky, so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of your face from me. Yet, if I may hold your hand in darkness, it is enough. Since I know that, though I may stumble in my way, you do not fall.

Gaelic prayer, translated by Alistair MacLean

Prelude "Christ Has Made the Sure Foundation" Callahan

The Call to Worship "Bless Ye the Lord" Ippolitof-Ivanof

*Bless ye the Lord our God, all ye his angels, bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord all His angels fair, that so rejoice in His strength.
He is gracious, kind, and full of compassion, ever just,
But He doth not always chide, nor keepeth His wrath.
As the heav'n is high above the earth, so great His mercy
to all that trust in His word.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 62: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

*The Litany of Praise Kennedy Cleveland

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord God bestows favor and honor.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickless.

People: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of host, my King and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

The Joy of Worship, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Kennedy Cleveland

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

In my fear of surrender; God of Warmth, melt the ice around my heart.
But in the fear that marks your presence, God of love, keep me in awe and wonder.

Jim Cotter, adapted

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 60: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

*The Offertory Prayer Kennedy Cleveland

The Offertory "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" Callahan

*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 12:49-56 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Beautiful River" Rutter

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

*Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

On the bosom of the river, where the Savior King we own,
we shall meet, and sorrow never, 'Neath the glory of the throne.

Refrain:

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain:

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain:

The Sermon "By Faith" Lesley Ratcliff