



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

-Luke 11:2-4

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 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

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me."

-C. S. Lewis

Prelude "This Is My Father's World" Forrest

The Spoken Call to Worship Major Treadway

*The Processional Hymn No. 77: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*

*The Litany of Praise Eddie Foster

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: People of God, open our hearts and minds!

People: Listen carefully to what God is saying,

Leader: for God comes to us today speaking peace,

People: and offering life to all who love God, and honor God with their hearts and lives.

All: Let us worship God together.

-*Psalm 85:8-9*, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Eddie Foster

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

"There is more to prayer than the answer to prayer. There is also the pray-er, who is shaped by the praying."

-Barbara Brown Taylor

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

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

*The Offertory Prayer Eddie Foster

The Offertory "Fairest Lord Jesus" James
Suzanne Smith, *pianist*

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 11:1-13 Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "The Lord's Prayer" Mallotte

Cheryl Coker, *soprano*

The Sermon "The Words We Pray" Major Treadway

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

"Basically, what it all comes down to is this: Prayer is the deepest, dearest, highest, strongest, truest way we have of trusting God and loving one another. So, of course, we pray all through the day. Of course, we pray without ceasing. We couldn't keep ourselves from praying if we tried. *We can't not pray.*"

-Charles E. Poole

A Church for Rachel

*The Recessional Hymn No. 634: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *CWM RHONDDA*

*The Benediction Major Treadway

*The Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Callahan

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for July 28 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Hosea 1:2-10 ~ page 730

Psalm 85 ~ page 473

Colossians 2:6-19 ~ page 957

Luke 11:1-13 ~ page 845