

## 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

Dear Lord, lest we all be somewhere else,  
patch this work. Quilt us together; feather-stitching,  
piece by piece, our tag-ends of living,  
our individual scraps of love.

“Crazy Quilt,” Jane Wilson Joyce

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 78: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *ST. ANNE*

\*The Benediction *Charles Poole*

\*The Postlude “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” *Callahan*

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

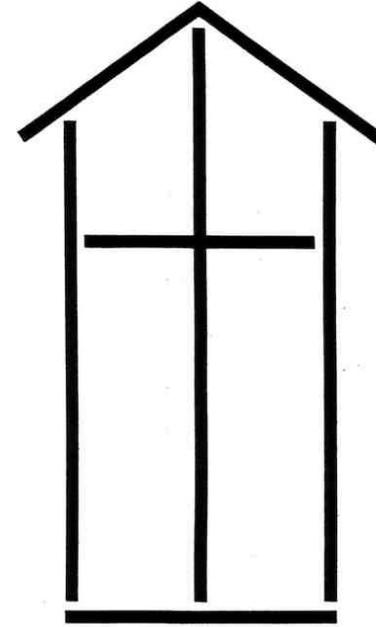
**The Lectionary passages for September 15 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 ~ pages 613-614

Psalm 14 ~ page 430

I Timothy 1:12-17 ~ page 963

Luke 15:1-10 ~ page 850



“We must see God in everyone.”  
- Saint Catherine Labouré

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 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 a certain point you say, ‘Now I am ready. Now I will stop and be wholly attentive.’ You empty yourself and wait, listening... You feel the world’s word as a tension, a hum, a single chorus note everywhere the same... This is it, the hum is the silence...”

- Annie Dillard

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach  
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 William Walker

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle?

**People: Who may dwell in your holy hill?**

Leader: Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation William Walker

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
I Timothy 1:12-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,  
I cannot bear these burdens alone;  
In my distress He kindly will help me,  
He ever loves and cares for His own.  
- “I Must Tell Jesus”

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 William Walker

The Offertory “Andante” Telemann

\*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDT*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel Luke 15:1-10 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Sybil Cheesman, *flute*  
Julie Hudik, *oboe*

The Sermon “Concerning the Gladness of God” Charles Poole