



“Did you ever think, child...how much piecin’ a quilt is like livin’ a life?”

-Eliza Calvert Hall

*NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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

“The work of the world is common as mud. Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust. But the thing worth doing well done has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident...”

-Marge Piercy

Prelude “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” Burkhardt
“Aria” White

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. 43: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN' FESTE BURG

*The Litany of Praise Claire Sims

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: We would comfort ourselves in sorrow,

People: When our hearts are faint within us.

Leader: Listen for the voice;

All: We will listen for the voice of comfort and hope.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Claire Sims

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 79:1-9
I Timothy 2:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“When we cast our faults into the devouring fire of love with total, childlike trust, how would they not be consumed, so that nothing is left of them?”

-Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 578: “Come, All Christians, Be Committed” BEACH SPRING

*The Offertory Prayer Claire Sims

The Offertory “How Firm a Foundation” Linker

*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 16:1-13 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “What Does the Lord Require?” Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice, love mercy;
And walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?

How shall our life, fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace.

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

The Sermon “The Way We Do Anything” Charles Poole

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

“The way we do anything becomes the way we do everything...”

-Richard Rohr

*The Recessional Hymn No. 648: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL'S STORY

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Albrecht

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for September 22 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 ~ page 619

Psalm 79:1-9 ~ page 470

I Timothy 2:1-7 ~ page 963

Luke 16:1-13 ~ page 851