

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

You are the healing
the loving
the touching
You are the laughing
You are the dancing
Jesus, Verb of God
You are the moving –
move in me.

– Marilee Zdenek, *God is a Verb!*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 651: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” *MARYTON*

*The Benediction *Charles Poole*

*The Postlude “Fanfare” *Lemmens*

**The congregation will please stand.*

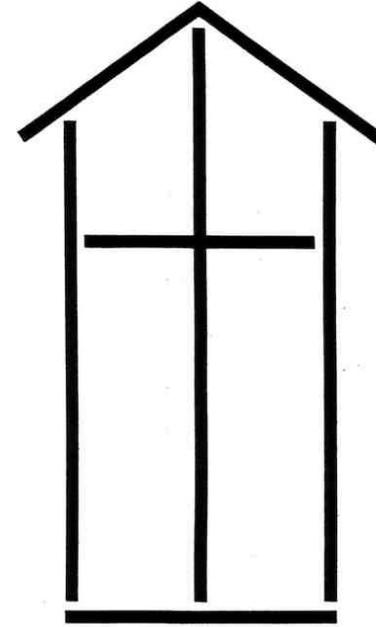
The Lectionary passages for October 13 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 ~ pages 638-639

Psalms 66:1-12 ~ pages 459-460

II Timothy 2:8-15 ~ page 967

Luke 17:11-19 ~ page 852



“We cannot do great things on this earth. We can only do small things with great love.”

-Mother Teresa

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 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

We live in a world full of instant gratification, leaving no time for deciphering want from need. We live in a world of vast knowledge, leaving little room for the mysteries of faith. We live in a world full of awareness of the lives of others, leaving scant opportunity to be fully present in our own lives. Now -- in this time. . . here -- in this room. . . we have the perfect opportunity to be still and know ourselves in relation to our God.

Prelude "Aria" Martinson

The Call to Worship "O Be Joyful in the Lord"
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song
Bless the Lord!
Yarrington

*The Processional Hymn No. 20: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *ODE TO JOY*

*The Litany of Praise Ginger Parham

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

People: We sing the glory of the name of the Lord.

Leader: How awesome are the deeds of our God!

People: The power of our God is great.

Leader: Let all the earth worship the Lord!

People: We sing praises to you, O God.

All: We sing praises to your name.

- Adapted from Psalm 66

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Ginger Parham

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
II Timothy 2:8-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

O God, gather me to be with you as you are with me.
Keep me in touch with myself, with my needs, my anxieties,
my angers, my pains, my corruptions,
that I may claim them as my own rather than blame them on
someone else.

O Lord, deepen my wounds into wisdom;
shape my weaknesses into compassion;
gentle my envy into enjoyment,
my fear into trust,
my guilt into honesty,
my accusing fingers into tickling ones.

O God, gather me to be with you as you are with me.

-Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*

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 Ginger Parham

The Offertory "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Wood

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 17:11-19 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Pilgrims' Hymn" Paulus

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Even with the darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You;
endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

The Sermon "On Living the Life We Have" Charles Poole