

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

“Some journeys are direct, and some are circuitous; some are heroic, and some are fearful and muddled. But every journey, honestly undertaken, stands a chance of taking us toward the place where our deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.”

- Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak:
Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

*The Recessional Hymn No. 539: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude “The Rejoicing” Callahan

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for October 6 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Lamentations 3:19-26~ page 669

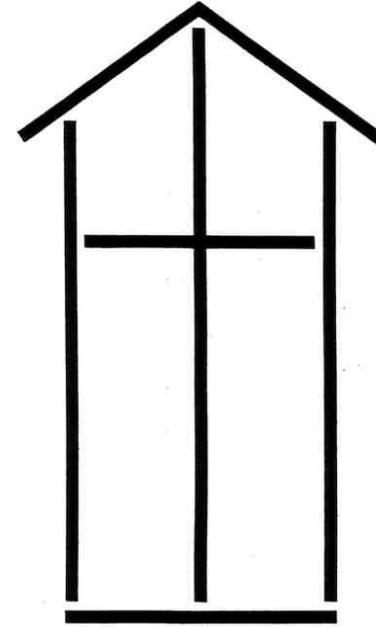
Psalm 137 ~ page 502

II Timothy 1:1-14 ~ page 966

Luke 17:5-10 ~ page 852

Communion and Children

Communion Sundays are special times of worship at Northminster, and we want all of our children to feel as included as possible. It has been a long-standing tradition at Northminster that each family will decide whether or not non-baptized children can receive Communion. Please know that children who have not yet been baptized and whose families decide that they need to wait to receive Communion can still come forward to receive a blessing from the deacons who are serving Communion. *To signify that they wish to receive the blessing but not Communion, these children simply need to cross their arms over their chests, as if in prayer, when they approach a deacon who is serving the bread.* Hopefully, this option will provide non-baptized children who do not partake in Communion a way to more fully participate in the worship life of our faith community. Jesus Christ said, “Let the little children come to me.” Here at Northminster, our desire is to be as welcoming of children as the Savior we follow.



If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

- Emily Dickinson

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 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

“What must it be like, I wondered, to put *hearing* God ahead of being heard?”
- Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy*

Prelude “All Creation Praises God for the New Day” Bedford
“Morning Has Broken” Wood

The Call to Worship “O Be Joyful in the Lord” Yarrington
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!

*The Processional Hymn No. 317: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *OLD HUNDREDT*

*The Litany of Praise Christopher Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: We call on the steadfast love of our Lord which never ceases.

People: The mercies of our God never end.

Leader: With every morning, the mercies of the Lord are renewed.

**All: Great is the faithfulness of our God.
We will place our hope in the Lord. Amen.**

- Adapted from Lamentations 3

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Christopher Wiggs

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Lamentations 3:19-26
II Timothy 1:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Often, we give with an expectation of thanks and recognition. Yet God gave many gifts that we take for granted. Often, we serve as an act of ego. Yet Jesus washed feet as an act of love and shared what little he had with multitudes. Often, we lead and command attention. Yet the Spirit guides with the still, small voice. May we use this time to silently seek the hands of the potter to shape the clay of our lives to God’s true purpose.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 768: “I Come with Joy” *DOVE OF PEACE*

*The Offertory Prayer Christopher Wiggs

The Offertory “I Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Hills” Wood

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDT*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 17:5-10 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “Unto Thee, O Lord” Aulbach

Shirley Foster, *soprano*

Unto thee, O Lord, Unto thee, O Lord,
I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee.
O my God, in thee have I trusted,
let not thine enemies triumph over me.
Unto thee, O Lord, Unto thee, O Lord,
I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee.
Show me thy ways, Teach me thy paths,
Thou art the God of my salvation.
O my God, in thee have I trusted,
Thou art the God of my salvation.
Unto thee, O Lord, Unto thee, O Lord,
I lift up my soul, O Lord, to thee.

The Sermon “We Have Done Only What We Should” Charles Poole

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Call to the Table Charles Poole

The Communion Litany

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the broken bread.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Thanks be to God for the cup.

Pastor: Thanks be to God for the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God for the table of communion.

The Bread

Worshippers will come forward by the center aisle. Receive the bread and, having received it, return to your seat by the outside aisle.

The Cup

Worshippers will be served the cup seated in the pews. Take the cup, a symbol of your willingness to receive the Grace of God. Once all have been served, drink the cup together.