



Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore, you should also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

-Matthew 25:40-44

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 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 come into God's house with gratitude for the blessings of the week.

Prelude "God of Grace and God of Glory" Hobby

The Call to Worship "Be Glad in the Lord" Hopson

Be glad in the Lord, all you saints; be glad and rejoice:
Give thanks and remember God's holiness.

*The Processional Hymn No. 78: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *ST. ANNE*

*The Litany of Praise Montell Watkins

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Shout joyfully to the Lord all the earth;
break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

**People: Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of a psalm,**

**All: With trumpets and the sound of a horn,
shout joyfully before the Lord.**

-Psalm 98, adapted

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Montell Watkins

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 98
II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Only under God's steady gaze of love are we able to find the healing and restoration we so desperately need. When we feel "searched and known" by a gracious God, we are both moved and enabled to search our own hearts honestly.

-Marjorie J. Thompson

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 674: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" *PROMISED LAND*

*The Offertory Prayer Montell Watkins

The Offertory "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Pinkston

Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDT*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 20:27-38 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Saints Bound for Heaven" Wilberg

Suzanne Smith, *piano*

Our bondage it shall end by and by,
From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
and to Canaan we'll return by and by.

Our deliv'rer he shall come by and by,
And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten,
and vast glory crown the day by and by.

And when to Jordan's floods we are come,
Jehovah rules the tide and the waters he'll divide,
and the ransom'd host shall shout "We are come."

Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice,
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
and thro' all eternity we'll rejoice.

Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
and thro' all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice,
and thro' all eternity we'll rejoice!

The Sermon "Concerning Life on the Other Side" 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

Dear Potter,
The lump of clay that I am
keeps crying for some form.

Day by day

I yearn for you to mold me.

-Macrina Wiederkehr

*The Recessional Hymn No. 678: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" *PROMISE*

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "Our Great Savior" Helman

***The congregation will please stand.**

The Lectionary passages for November 10 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Haggai 1:15-2:9 ~ page 768

Psalm 98 ~ page 480

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ~ pages 961-962

Luke 20:27-38 ~ pages 855-856