

## 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

Lord, you're not after my doing things for you,  
Nor bringing things to you,  
Nor being religious, nor acting pious.  
Instead, you've opened my ears so I can listen.

*-The Message, Psalm 40:6*

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 694: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

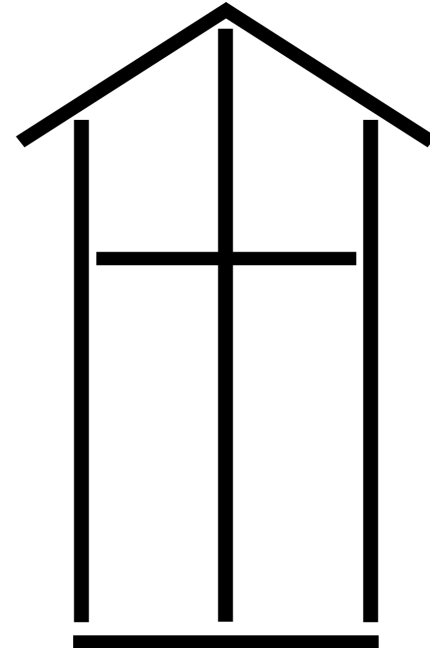
\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Finale" Powell

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for January 19 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Isaiah 49:1-7 ~ page 592  
Psalm 40:1-11 ~ page 446  
I Corinthians 1:1-9 ~ page 926  
John 1:29-42 ~ pages 862-863



Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*-Clara H. Scott, 1895*

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Second Sunday After Epiphany**

January 19, 2020  
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

Do you wish to pray in the temple? Then pray in your own heart. But begin by being God's temple, for God hears those who invoke God's name in the temple of the heart.

*-Augustine of Hippo, adapted*

Prelude "Arise, Your Light Has Come" Burkhardt  
"Adagio" Franck

The Call to Worship "Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come" Hopson  
*Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has ris'n upon you.  
Alleluia.*

\*The Processional Hymn No. 62: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

\*The Litany of Praise Bailey Blount

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lord, we wait patiently for you.

**People: Hear us, Lord, for you have lifted us from despair to stand on the solid rock.**

Leader: You have put a new song upon our lips;  
a song of praise to our God.

**People: That many will see and hear, and will put their trust in the Lord our God.**

Leader: You have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us:

**People: Therefore, let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve us!**

**All: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in your goodness. And may we all repeat this song of praise, "Great is the Lord!"**

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Bailey Blount

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 40:1-11  
I Corinthians 1:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you.

-Jeremiah 29:11-14

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 697: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*ST. PETER*

\*The Offertory Prayer

Bailey Blount

The Offertory "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Burkhardt

\*The Doxology

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel John 1:29-42

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Johnson

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!

Power all power surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway!

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

The Sermon "Concerning the Open Ear"

Charles Poole