

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

“Listen to silence. It has so much to say.”

- Rumi

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689: “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“Let the Earth Rejoice”

Wood

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for January 26 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 9:1-4 ~ page 555

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 ~ page 437

I Corinthians 1:10-18 ~ page 926

Matthew 4:12-23 ~ page 785

Today is Northminster’s annual Youth Sunday. We are grateful for our youth group members who have led us in worship today, prepared liturgy and taught Sunday School in children’s and adult classes.

Thanks be to God for our youth group members and for their leaders.

Youth Liturgists:

Cover Meditation

Ivey Yelverton

Meditation of Preparation

Hawthorne Cleveland

Litany of Praise

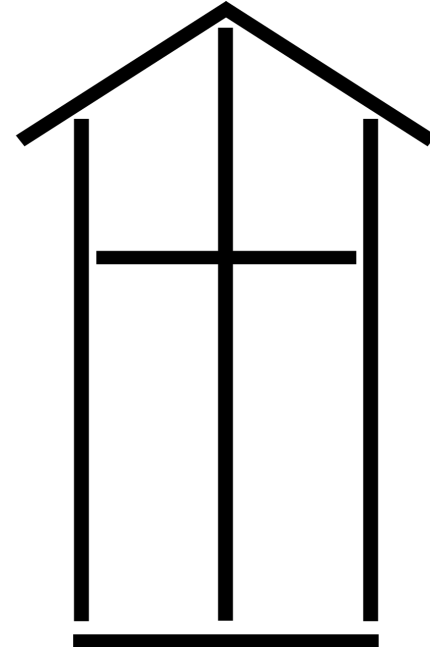
Luke Williams

Meditation of Confession

Madyson Strum

Time of Response

Ansley Poole



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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

Having entered the sanctuary, pause to remember that it is not just a building but a place of God. During this worship, reflect on what the church means to you. Search your soul for your motive - have you come for accolades or have you come to praise the Lord? No matter the original intention, put your focus now on God. "Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:2).

Prelude "All Glory Be to God on High" Albrecht
"How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" Manz

The Call to Worship "Rejoice in God, All Ye Lands" Coker
*O be joyful in God, all ye lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.*

*The Processional Hymn No. 612: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

*The Litany of Praise Katie Carter

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us seek your glory in the house of the Lord.

People: For in the day of trouble, the Lord will keep me safe in the dwelling of the Lord.

Leader: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me.

People: Lead our hearts to worship you, O God.

All: Our hearts are opened up to seek you and lift up your praise.

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Katie Carter

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Jackson Van Meter

Isaiah 9:1-4
I Corinthians 1:10-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

We listen for you, O God, waiting for you to give us guidance in our prayers and in our lives. We wait for you in hopes of forgiveness and clarity. Laying all of this out for you, we ask you to answer our call – in hopes of bringing light back to the world.

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Andrew Clark

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 539: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

*The Offertory Prayer Katie Carter

The Offertory "The Mountains Shall Sing" Wood

*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 Raeconna Carson

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "Hope in Me" Johnson

Bailey Blount and Lucy Elfert, *sopranos*
Kimberly Blount and Madyson Strum, *altos*
George Watson, *baritone*

Have you not known me from the beginning?
Have you not heard it since life began?
I am the everlasting Creator,
heaven and earth sprang forth from my hand.

Refrain:

*Hope in me and you will be strengthened;
run ev'ry race and I will revive.
Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles;
hope in me, for I am God.*

Look at the sky and try to imagine
who could have formed the stars and the sun.
All you see, and more that is hidden, I chose their
orbits, I named each one.

Refrain:

Although it seems your pathways are hidden,
I will bring peace to the future you dread.
I made the earth, the seas, and the heavens;
I can give strength for what lies ahead.

Refrain:

The Sermon Ellie Caraway
Connor McMullan
Noel Wiggs