

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

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

-John 8:12

*The Recessional Hymn No. 710 : "We Are Called to Be God's People" *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "Fanfares" Phillips

**The congregation will please stand.*

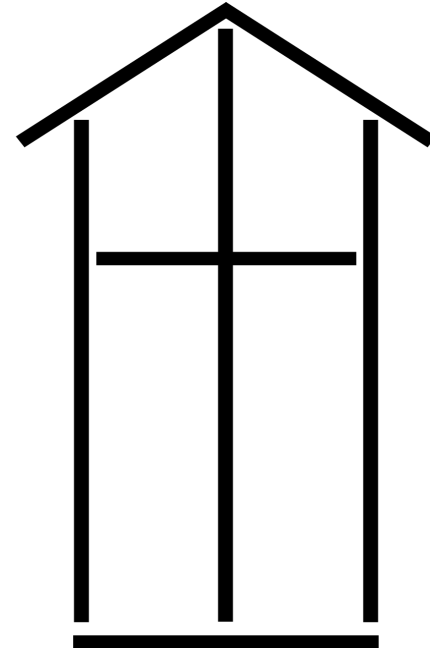
The Lectionary passages for February 9 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) ~ pages 600- 601

Psalm 112:1-9 (10) ~ pages 490-491

I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) ~ page 927

Matthew 5:13-20 ~ page 786



"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music."

-Martin Luther

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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

“We will give thanks to the LORD according to God’s righteousness, and sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.”

-Psalm 7:17, *adapted*

Prelude “Rhosymedre” Williams

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. 20: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *ODE TO JOY*

*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Boone

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Happy are those who delight in the Lord;

Leader: They will be blessed for generations.

**People: Our lights will shine in the darkness,
reflecting the righteousness of God.**

Leader: We will be gracious, merciful and honest;

People: We can withstand adversity.

All: Praise be to God!

-Psalm 112, *adapted*

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

*The Prayer of Invocation Suzanne Boone

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons

Isaiah 58:1-9
I Corinthians 2:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

-Psalm 32:5

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Major Treadway

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 712 “The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy” *HANOVER*

*The Offertory Prayer Suzanne Boone

The Offertory “Prelude in C” Bach

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “To Everyone Born” Trenney

Bennett Randman, *cello*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy.*

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding to share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a systems that’s fair.

Refrain:

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain:

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain:

The Sermon “This Much Is Clear” Charles Poole