



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020
10:30AM

GATHERING

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prelude

Hymn of Praise
Florence Snyder, guest organist

A. Schreiner

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 100

Whisper with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us; we are God's creation.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**So we enter his gates this morning with thanksgiving
and his sanctuary with praise.**

Give thanks to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever.

God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given,

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for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
9 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Interlude

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johann Gottfried Walther

Scripture Readings

Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 7:12

Sermon

Summer in (Matthew) Seven: Do Unto Others...and I Did It

DEPARTING

Hymn #744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise

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forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day
claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Benediction

Postlude

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Andreas Armsdorf

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INFORMATION

Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at admin@northminstermacon.org.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Ralph welcomes and encourages opportunities to share in fellowship, pastoral conversation, and spiritual discernment. He keeps office hours most mornings at the church, but is always available by appointment. You are always welcome to call or text at 478-250-3355 or to reach out by email: pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org

Lectionary Readings

July 19, 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office at 477-6646, or you could join us at our prayer group that meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in Room 108.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Riley Brown; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Geerlings; Grace Goodwin; Edward Gleaton, Jr. & Family; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Diboll Family

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Kirk Knox

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C. Watwood; Joshua Sulkers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas in July

Each Sunday during July, will have a table in the narthex for you to drop off a check or cash and your in-kind donations. This year, we are ALSO asking for in-kind donations. Here is the twist... we will have a challenge between the youth and the adults to see which group can bring in the most items. We ask that the **YOUTH** bring in **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** from the list below. **ADULTS**, we ask you to bring **FOOD ITEMS** from the list below. Whichever group - youth or adult, that brings in the most items wins bragging rights. However, it's the Rosa Taylor students who will benefit most. We look forward to our annual **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** event. Thank you in advance Northminster Family! Love, your Neighborhood Committee

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 24 pack Crayola crayons
- Crayola washable markers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil box/bag
- Highlighters
- Wooden yellow #2 pencils (box of 12)
- White Elmer's glue & glue sticks
- Scissors
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Black and white composition notebook
- Wide-ruled spiral single notebook
- Laminated folders with pockets/prongs
- Package of cap erasers
- Index cards (3 x 5 or 5 x 8) & multiplication flash cards

Backpack Ministry

If you are interested in helping the backpack ministry by delivering (on a rotating schedule with other volunteers) the food packages to Rosa Taylor this 2020-2021 school year, please contact Suzann Smith at rcsws4850@gmail.com or 478-718-1021.

Volunteers Needed - Rosa Taylor Masks

Rosa Taylor has asked for our help making 90 cloth face masks for teachers and staff in preparation for the upcoming school year. They have the materials, we just need the man-power. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Denny at ltdenny@yahoo.com or text 478-731-4849.

BACKPACK FOOD ITEMS

(all items are to be individually packaged)

PROTEIN ITEMS (such as Ramen noodles, mac-n-cheese cups, Chef Boyardee noodle cups)

MILK (Horizon organic boxes)

BREAKFAST ITEMS (such as packs of grits/oatmeal/cereal, granola/cereal bars)

SNACKS (such as Nutri-grain bars, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, pudding cups)

FRUIT (applesauce cups, fruit cups)

JUICES (fruit juice in boxes or pouches)

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News

SESSION of Ruling Elders: Sam Alderman, III; Boyd Ellison; Judy Hill; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver
Emily Brown; Beau Kitchens; Lynn Denny; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate

SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session

BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours this week: Mon-Fri 9:00-1:00

Monday Morning

πάντα οὖν ὅσα ἂν θέλητε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, οὕτω καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς· οὗτος γάρ ἐστιν ὁ νόμος καὶ οἱ προφῆται.

Jesus, Matthew 7:12

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you;
for this is the law and the prophets.

New Revised Standard Version

So always treat others as you would like them to treat you;
that is the Law and the Prophets.

New Jerusalem Bible

Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God's Law and Prophets and this is what you get.

The Message

“Therefore everything you would like others to do to you, you yourselves do to them. For this is the essence of the law and the prophets.” It is from this saying that love became the dominant and summarizing theme of the Christian ethic. To act in this manner, in constant deeds of love, is to bring to expression that to which the law and the prophets pointed. That is, a world where only good is done to others involves by definition [final] fulfillment, a return to the paradise of the Garden of Eden. To do good to others is to mirror the activity of the Father (7:11), which of course finds its supreme manifestation in the eschatological fulfillment brought by the Son. If the ethics of the kingdom of God anticipate the coming future in the present, then this is especially true of the ethic of the golden rule, which is the distillation of kingdom ethics. If this teaching of Jesus were to be lived out in the world, the whole system of evil would be dramatically shaken. Even if it were to be manifested seriously in the Church, its impact would be incalculable. In this sublime command, so simple and yet so deep, we encounter a challenge central to the purposes of God and therefore one that is also eschatological in tone. No other teaching is so readily identified with Jesus; no other teaching is so central to the righteousness of the kingdom and the practice of discipleship.

Donald A. Hagner, *Word Biblical Commentary: Matthew 1-13*



" Just think of these as enabling legislation for the golden rule. "

Lord,
You who love this person whom I do not love,
you who read the hearts of others whom I do not understand,
you who know the inmost suffering of those whom I ignore,
you who discern the efforts of each one in attitudes which I
perceive as deceitful:
open my eyes and my heart.
You also know me far better than I know myself;
you love me better than I love myself.
Lord! Teach me to love with your love.

Geneviève Graves

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