



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Lord, be Glorified
Rebecca Layfield, flute

arr. John Wilson

Welcome

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

Invocation

Be Still and Know That I Am God



Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 46

God is a safe place to gather, ready to help when we need him.

We gather fearless from a world always on the edge of doom.

We come courageous even in seastorm and earthquake,

**We will no longer fear the rush and roar of oceans,
the tremors that shift mountains.**

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city, the sacred haunt of the Most High.

God lives here, the streets are safe, God at your service from crack of dawn.

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

Attention, all! See the marvels of God!

The Lord plants flowers and trees all over the earth,

Bans war from pole to pole, breaks all the weapons across his knee.

**“Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God,
above politics, above everything.”**

Jacob-wrestling God fights for us, God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

Hymn #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness



O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light, O
On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth; on
On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear, Christ's



balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright; on
you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth; on
liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near. New



you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing
you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven. And
grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest, we



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.
thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.
reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

Morning Prayers

LISTENING

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:1-6

Interlude

In the Garden
Rebecca Layfield, soprano

Austin Miles

Scripture Reading

Psalms 46

Sermon

**Christian Community in the Time of Covid:
Be Still... and Know God**

DEPARTING

Hymn #819

Be Still My Soul



Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa - tient - ly the
Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take to guide the fu - ture
Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on when we shall be for -



cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
sure - ly as the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
ev - er with the Lord; when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when



best, thy heaven - ly Friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
change and tears are past all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

*Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Charge and Benediction



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

September 20, 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27, 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Geerlings; Grace Goodwin; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Andy Weaver

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

Outreach Opportunity

Loaves and Fishes is bearing most of the responsibility for feeding the homeless downtown during the pandemic. Due to health concerns, most outreach feeding programs have been curtailed. L&F is able to get most of the food from the Community Food Bank, but the supply of protein items is very difficult to obtain.

**If you would like to make a special contribution to this cause, please donate by check to 'Northminster Presbyterian', earmarked to "L&F protein", account # 225600 or online (northminstermacon.org). If donating online, simply add your contribution amount to the 'Offerings' section and specify in the notes box, "L&F protein, account # 225600."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Judy Hill at rolandjudy@hotmail.com. As always, thank you for your heart for service to others!

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

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