



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Adoro te devote
NPC Bell Ensemble

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these worshipful moments,

to confess our sins,

to receive forgiveness and to give it,

to pray and sing and listen,

to renew our fainting spirits,

to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us again through your Holy Spirit,

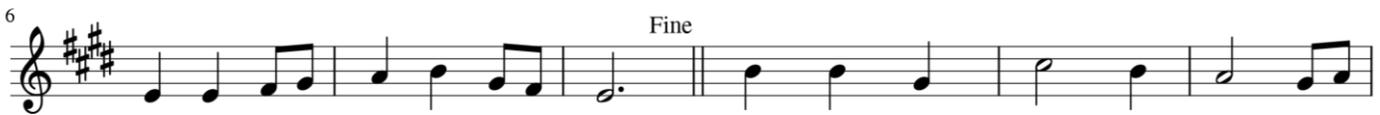
and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Hymn #240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al-le-



lu - ia! Give praise to his name. Je - sus is Lord of all the
Spread the good news o'er all the
We have been cru - ci - fied with
Come let us praise the liv - in



earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion.
earth: Je - sus has died and his ris - en.
Christ. Now we shall live for - ev - er.
God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Morning Prayers

Assurance of Mercy

LISTENING

Scripture reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Interlude

Panis Angelicus
Edward Clark, saxophone

Cesar Franck

Scripture Readings

Psalm 13

Sermon

Christian Community in the Time of Covid:
The Honesty of Lament

DEPARTING

Hymn #214

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God



You are my ref - uge, faith - ful God; you shel - ter me from shame. I
De - liv - er me from hid - den snares, from sor - row, pain, and strife. When
Be gra - cious, God, in my dis - tress, and dry my bit - ter tears. My
I am a wretch - ed sight to see: a bro - ken, emp - ty thing, with
And yet I trust in you, O God; your cov - e - nant still stands. Re -

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put my spir - it in your hands and call up - on your name.
trou - bles seem to smoth - er me, take heed, and save my life.
life is spent in mis - er - y; I sigh a - way my years.
on - ly ter - ror all a - round, and death - ly whis - per - ing.
deem me, in your faith - ful love: my life is in your hands.

*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.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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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.

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Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers in our sanctuary this week have been given to the glory of God by Kathy McCord in loving honor of her husband, Tim McCord's birthday.

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 13, 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

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

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; 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

BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

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