



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

...making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ

July 24, 2022

7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

Prelude to Gathering

Air on the G String
Arioso
Generation Fusion Quartet

arr. Lynne Latham

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude to Worship

Bist Du Bei Mir

arr. Sherry Lewis

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 1

God's blessings follow you and await you at every turn:
when you don't follow the advice of those who delight in wicked schemes,
**When we avoid the easy road of sin's highway,
when judgment and sarcasm beckon us, but we refuse.**

For you, the Eternal's Word is your happiness.
It is your focus—from dusk to dawn.

**We are like a tree,
planted by flowing, cool streams of water that never run dry.**

Your fruit ripens in its time;
your leaves never fade or curl in the summer sun.

No matter what we do, we prosper in grace.

Let us worship the Lord our God together!

Hymn #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord."

All apostles join the strain as your sacred name they hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name you,
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Holy God,
you gave your Law to Moses on the mountain
you spoke through prophets to call your people back
you sent our Teacher Jesus to make your word flesh.

**Forgive us when
we pull up our sacred roots
we plant ourselves in barren soil
we cut ourselves off from your living word.**

**Restore unto us
the truth of your word
the faithfulness of your promises
the joy of your salvation.**

Hear now our own prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response to Forgiveness #647 *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; Let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Affirmation of Faith — 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.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

Amazing Grace

arr. Thomas Quigley

Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Illumination

Scripture – Exodus 20:1-17

Hymn #14 (remain seated)

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child, friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; 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 grateful praise.

Scripture – Matthew 5, selections

Sermon – **STAINED GLASS SUMMER: The Law in Stone and Flesh**

Hymn #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

DEPARTING

*Benediction

*Sung Response

Northumbria Community

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

Postlude

Hornpipe

arr. Cleo Aufderhaar



Information & Announcements

Special Thanks to string quartet: Generation Fusion

We wish to thank Generation Fusion, string quartet for providing today's music. Patricia McCall, violin; Kyla Gwyn, violin; Jaris Tobler, viola; Spencer Brewer, cello.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Frank Clark; Lynn Southerland; Steve, Helene, and baby Amelia Olk; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver; Tom Jones (kidney issues); Frank Ellis; Charlotte Nolan

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Cindi Shuford Akins; Nelda Crow

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson)

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Pat McCall in blessed appreciation of the kindness and generosity of the Northminster congregation.

Christmas in July – A Backpack Ministry Outreach

Our neighborhood committee's backpack ministry continues to serve the children and families of Rosa Taylor elementary school. Next month, we will collect monetary donations from the congregation in order to purchase supplies at discounted bulk rates and gift them to Rosa Taylor in December 2022. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Note of Thanks from the Kelly Family

Dear Congregation of Northminster Presbyterian,

Our family would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love to our family with the death of our beloved parents, Gene M. Kelly, Sr and Janet Kelly. Your cards, prayers, acts of kindness, and hosting of his funeral and reception following were a sweet balm to our weary souls. Dad's unexpected passing was a jolt to us all, but your congregation continued your steadfast care for our family. May God bless you all as you live out the love of God through your remarkable church. We will be forever grateful to you.

Grace and peace,

The Gene M. Kelly, Sr. Family: Gene, (Jr), Tricia, Marion and all

Mid-year Giving Statements

Giving statements covering your donation from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, were mailed out Monday, July 18. If you have not received your statement, please contact Jennifer at 478-318-7911. If you have questions or concerns about the donations listed on your statement, please contact Brent Gunn at 478-335-6500.

Building Updates

Our building permit has been filed and materials have begun to arrive. Our new roof should be completed within 3-4 weeks, weather permitting. We will be receiving quotes for flooring over the next couple of weeks. June 2, our copy machine died after working very hard for two months after it was damaged in the storm. We will be getting our new copy machine Monday, July 25.

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: Kari Alderman; Barbara Fatkin; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Melissa McDougald; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Mosely; Michael Napier; Minor Vernon; Genny Whitaker

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate SANDRA SMITH, Music Director
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

In-Office hours this week: Sunday, Monday, Thursday 9:00-1:00
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