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Welcome to worship at Northminster!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting with us this morning we hope you feel the presence of God and the hospitality of this congregation. If you have any questions about our church please ask one of the pastors or a greeting host wearing a red “Ask Me” badge.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2019

* =  *Those who are able, please stand.*
Congregation responds in bold.

CENTERING THOUGHT

Lord there is abundance in your love for us.

An abundance that we yearn to more fully accept and live into. We ask now for the desire and will to accept your abundant love for us, knowing it will call us to new, deeper, more vibrant engagement with you, with our Northminster community, and with our family, friends, and neighbors who are near and far.

Let us not shy away from accepting this gift you have anointed us with.

Let us gracefully accept and be ever alert for ways to pass on your abundant love.

Mary Beth Riner

APPROACHING GOD



WELCOME

Teri Thomas



PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)



INTROIT (11:00)

Christ is beside me

Traditional
Peace Choir



*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from then to now,
come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted,
come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
come, Lord, Jesus.

Today, to this place,
to us,
come, Lord Jesus.



*** HYMN NO. 182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say KINGSFOLD**

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

 * **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ruth Chadwick Moore

Caring and loving God, we confess we are people of flesh more than people of the Spirit.

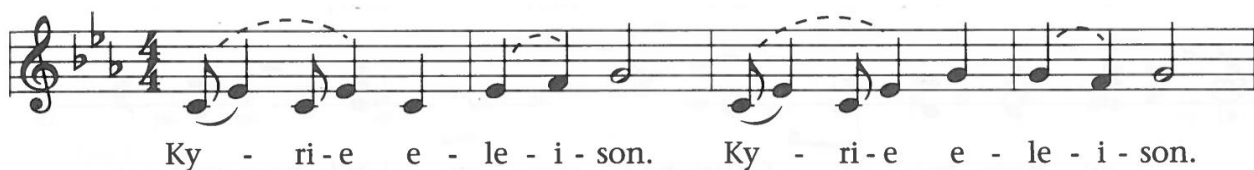
We admit our resentment when some people we deem unworthy benefit from your generosity.

We confess our lack of attention to your laws, your living Word, and your prompting Spirit.

We know you accept us. We need your help to change us.

 * **SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

 * **KYRIE ELEISON**



 * **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and sisters, our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

We trust in God's forgiveness and power to transform our regret to mercy!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

 * **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



CHILDREN'S TIME

Teri Thomas

Children may be excused for Church School at this time.



ANTHEM

Come, Labor On
(see Hymn No. 719 for text)

ORA LABORA
arr. John Ferguson
(born 1941)

(9:00) Section Leaders
(11:00) Chancel Choir



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



PSALM 16

arr. Hal Hopson
Kelly Cassady and Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Cantors



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20: 1-16 (Pg. 21)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



SERMON

The Vineyard Laborers from *The Next Voice You Hear*
by David Steele
Teri Thomas



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN NO. 477****Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord****TALLIS' ORDINAL**

1 Thy mer - cy and thy truth, O Lord, tran -
 2 Lord, all thy crea - tures thou wilt save. Since
 3 With the a - bun - dance of thy house we
 4 The foun - tain of e - ter - nal life is
 5 From those that know thee, may thy love and

scend the loft - y sky; thy judg - ments are a
 thou art ev - er kind, be - neath the shad - ow
 shall be sat - is - fied; from riv - ers of un -
 found a - lone with thee. And in the bright - ness
 mer - cy ne'er de - part, and may thy jus - tice

might - y deep, and as the moun - tains high.
 of thy wings we may a ref - uge find.
 fail - ing joy our thirst shall be sup - plied.
 of thy light we clear - ly light shall see.
 still pro - tect and bless the up - right heart.

**TESTIMONY**

Allison Gritton

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



OFFERING

(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)



OFFERTORY

Steal Away

African-American spiritual

Hymn No. 358 for text)

arr. Brazeal Dennard

(1929-2010)

Chancel Choir Men



* DOXOLOGY NO. 607

OLD 100TH


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

 * **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GOING FORTH

 * **HYMN NO. 174** Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

 * **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

 **CHORAL RESPONSE**

Ach grosser König (from *St. John Passion*)

Johann S. Bach
(1685-1750)

9:00 Section Leaders

11:00 Chancel Choir

Ach großer König, groß zu allen Zeiten, *Ah, great King, great
for all times,*
Wie kann ich gnugsam diese Treu ausbreiten? *How can I
sufficiently proclaim
this love?*
Keins Menschen Herze mag indes ausdenken, *No human's heart,
however, can conceive
of a fit offering to you.*
Was dir zu schenken.

Ich kann's mit meinen Sinnen nicht erreichen, *I cannot grasp with
my mind,*
Womit doch dein Erbarmen zu vergleichen. *How to imitate your
mercy.*
Wie kann ich dir denn deine Liebestaten *How can I then repay
Your deeds of love*
Im Werk erstatten? *with my actions?*



Acolyte in worship today is Sam Banks.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's offertory, "Steal Away," is one of several African-American spirituals that held double meanings. "Steal away to Jesus" on the surface meant dying and going to heaven, but it also symbolized escaping to freedom in the north via the Underground railroad. With the slaves, "Steal Away" was a "signal song," an invitation or announcement of a secret church meeting at night. By singing the song, a leader could announce the meeting without raising the suspicions of the slave masters overseeing a work group. The site of the church service was sometimes indicated by breaking tree limbs so that they pointed in a certain direction. Note in verse

two the men sing “Green trees a-bending...” The song is slow paced, possessing a sense of resignation and melancholy. The arranger of this particular version is by Detroit native Brazeal Dennard (1929 – 2010). Dennard was teacher, conductor, clinician, and church musician. In 1972 he founded the Brazeal Dennard Chorale, an auditioned group of singers dedicated to developing the choral art to its highest professional level. He later formed the Brazeal Dennard Community Chorus and the Brazeal Dennard Youth Chorale for ages 13 – 22.

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering – Palm Sunday

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)
- Self-Development of People (SDOP)

Visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your gift helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the people and projects who receive this support.

Special envelopes are available in envelope boxes and will be in the pew racks beginning on April 7. You can also give by texting OGHS to 20222.

What’s Next?

Sunday Worship

March 24 – You may have heard many are called but few are chosen. Where does that leave us? Are we chosen?

March 31 – A look at the familiar parable of the Talents.

Mission and Outreach

Deacon's Plant Sale – TODAY, Gathering Place

Events and Education

Adult Education - Bread for the World – TODAY and March 24, 10am

Confirmation Class – TODAY, 10am

Curious Conversations – TODAY and March 24, 10am. Learn about NPC

Book of the Month – Not Just Black and White – TODAY, 12Noon

Wednesday Night Lenten Study – March 20-April 17, 6pm

Middlers Dinner – March 23, 6pm, Neterval home

Youth Group – March 24, 5:30pm

Celebration of the Arts Workshop –March 24, 12:15pm

Organ Task Force – March 26, 7pm

NorthStars Naptown Roller Derby Trip – March 30, 4:45pm

DEADLINE – April 1 – Montreat Conference of Worship and Music (June 23-28)

Combined Caregivers Support Groups – April 1, 6pm

Adult Education – Music for Holy Week - April 7, 10am

Sound & Spirit – Hora Certa Jazz Concert – April 7, 4pm, FREE

Youth Group – April 7, 5:30pm

Health Support Group – April 8, 7pm

Church Work Days – April 12, 13, 9am

New York Times and the Bible – April 14, 10am

Youth Group – April 14, 5:30pm

NorthStars CANDLES Holocaust Museum Trip – April 16, 8:30am

Youth Group Confirmation Party – April 28, 5:30pm

3B Exercise – Monday.Thursday, 2:30pm (Chair Yoga – March 18)

Women's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 11am

NEW TIME – Men's Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays, 8:15am

For more information, check out our website

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To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount you would like to give to 317-316-3009. Our online giving system, ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for giving.

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