

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

REFORMATION SUNDAY COMMITMENT SUNDAY

October 25, 2020 11:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME Carol McDonald

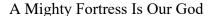
PRELUDE Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720 J. S. Bach
(A Mighty Fortress is our God) (1685-1750)

Marko Petričić, Organ Pete and Deb Ronco Family

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets. Let us worship the Triune God.





Sisters and brothers – God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

(All sing stanza 1)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

(All sing stanza 2)

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;

God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

God makes wars cease, God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire.

(All sing stanza 3)

Be still and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

Brothers and sisters – God is our refuge and strength;

a very present help in trouble.

(All sing stanza 4)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God,

we confess we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves

nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.

We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously,

profited at the losses of those near and distant,

borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

Forgive us, we pray.

We long to live in accord with your desire

that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

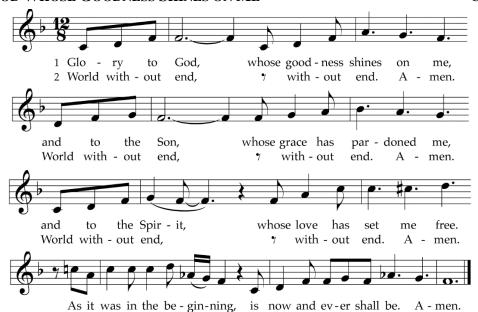
Beloved ones, believe again the gospel,

that in Christ we are accepted as we are.

We can believe we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a

nursing mother cherishing her child.

We can believe we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God.



* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE (Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

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

And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Holy Three, source of all light,

by your light you give light to the soul.

Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

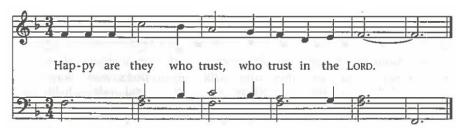
that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

PSALM 1

Robert Thompson Section Leaders



ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) Section Leaders

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 34-46

* HYMN

If All You Want, Lord, is My Heart

MORNING SONG



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

* HYMN

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Lord bless you and lay loving hands upon you, that you may be strengthened to continue to walk in the faith that others have passed on to you, to move ahead into the promised land.

Now go out into the world in peace;

have courage, hold on to what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

support the weak;

help the suffering;

dance with the happy:

weep with the sad:

honor all people;

love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

MCKEE

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn und kein Dank dazu haben. Er ist bei uns whol auf dem Plan mit seinem Geist und Bagen. Nehem sie uns den Leib, gut, her, kind und weib, lass fahren dahin, sie habens kein Gewinn; das Reich muss uns doch bleiben. They shall put His word aside And give no thanks for it. He is with us indeed in strategy With His spirit and His gifts. If they take our bodies from us, possessions, honor, child, wife, let them take them away, they have no spoils; our riches yet remain with us.



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 1, informs us that those who delight in the law of the Lord are happy, righteous, and prosperous. The psalm makes a sharp contrast between the lot of the righteous and the wicked. Of the righteous, the psalmist states, "Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water" and "everything they do shall prosper." Of the wicked, the psalmist states, "they are like chaff which the wind blows away" and "the way of the wicked shall be destroyed." The psalm seems to make the point that we link happiness with walking in the Lord's ways. The reader or listener might ask, "How can I get started on that way?" This psalm indicates we find that path by considering, meditating on the psalms that follow. There we may discover the way that leads to happiness. These psalms will teach us the way to go.

This morning's anthem, "If Ye Love Me," was composed by the English Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 – 1585). Tallis served in the Chapel Royal for 40 years, serving under four monarchs: Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. Although many of his works were written in Latin, he was among the first to set English words to music for the rites of the Church of England. During the reign of King Edward VI (1547 – 1553), the Council of Trent mandated that worship services be sung in English and that the choral music be brief and succinct "to each syllable a plain and distinct note." "If Ye Love Me" is an example of these new English anthems. It is written in ABB form, which means the second section is repeated. The text is set in syllabic style, with structured points of imitation and sweet, constant harmonies.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Pet Blessing – November 1, 12:30pm on the Porch outside the Gathering Place.

Northminster Reads! Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the <u>U.S.</u> Wednesday, November 18 -- 7-8pm. Zoom meeting ID: 864 8309 7345, PASSCODE: 151450. <u>OR</u> Sunday, November 22 – 5:30-6:30pm. Zoom meeting ID: 832 8658 5411, PASSCODE 370466. Questions: Carol McDonald at cmcdonald@northminster-indy.org.



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