THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“Martha was distracted by her many tasks.”
-Luke 10:40

“You can find God wherever you are and whatever you are doing. But sometimes your commitment to what you are doing can distract you from something more important, maybe even God.”
-Rev. Dr. John Buchannan
Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church
THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2019
Ten-thirty o’clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE
The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation
“Our occupations and preoccupations fill our external and internal lives to the brim. They prevent the Spirit of God from breathing freely in us and thus renewing our lives.” - Henry Nouwen

Prelude
“When Love Is Found” Martin
“Holy, Holy, Holy” Callahan

The Spoken Call to Worship
*The Processional Hymn No. 20: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ODE TO JOY
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Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God.
People: We trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Leader: We will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

All: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim your name, for it is good.

- Psalm 52:8-9, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE
*The Prayer of Invocation

The Lessons
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
The Meditation of Confession
Gracious God, slow us down, and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needful, that we be still before you and know that you are God. Amen.

The Silent Prayer
The Assurance of Pardon
The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION
*The Offertory Hymn No. 502: “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” NEW BRITAIN
*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Callahan

*The Doxology

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
The Gospel
Luke 10:38-42
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem
“The Greatest of These Is Love” Bitgood
Amanda Milam, soprano

The Sermon
“On Mary and Martha” Lesley Ratcliff

COMMITMENT
Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE
Today I’m flying low and I’m
Not saying a word.
I’m letting the voodoos of ambition sleep.
The world goes on as it must,
The bees in the garden rumble a little
The fish leaping, the gnats getting eaten
And so forth.
But I’m taking the day off
Quiet as a feather.
I hardly move though really I’m traveling
A terrific distance.
Stillness. One of the doors
Into the temple.
Amen.

- “Today” Mary Oliver

*The Recessional Hymn No. 689: “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA
*The Benediction

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*The Postlude

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Bober

*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for July 21 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Amos 8:1-12 ~ pages 748-749
Psalm 52 ~ page 453
Colossians 1:15-28 ~ pages 956-957
Luke 10:38-42 ~ page 845