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

Dear Lord, lest we all be somewhere else, patch this work. Quilt us together; feather-stitching, piece by piece, our tag-ends of living, our individual scraps of love.

“Crazy Quilt,” Jane Wilson Joyce

*The Recessional Hymn No. 78: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  ST. ANNE

*The Benediction  Charles Poole

*The Postlude  “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  Callahan

*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for September 15 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 ~ pages 613-614
Psalm 14 ~ page 430
I Timothy 1:12-17 ~ page 963
Luke 15:1-10 ~ page 850

“We must see God in everyone.”
- Saint Catherine Labouré
THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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
“At a certain point you say, ‘Now I am ready. Now I will stop and be wholly attentive.’ You empty yourself and wait, listening…You feel the world’s word as a tension, a hum, a single chorus note everywhere the same…This is it, the hum is the silence…”

- Annie Dillard

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach
The Call to Worship “Bless Ye the Lord” Ippolitof-Ivanof
Bless ye the Lord our God, all ye His angels, bless the Lord.
Bless the Lord all His angels fair, that so rejoice in His strength.
He is gracious, kind, and full of compassion, ever just,
But He doth not always chide, nor keepeth His wrath.
As the heav’n is high above the earth, so great His mercy
to all that trust in His word.

*The Processional Hymn No. 62: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO
*The Litany of Praise
Leader: The Lord be with you;
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle?
People: Who may dwell in your holy hill?
Leader: Those who walk uprightly and speak the truth.
All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

The Greeting
Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
I Timothy 1:12-17
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
The Meditation of Confession
I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.
- “I Must Tell Jesus”

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
William Walker

The Offertory “Andante” Telemann

*The Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” Wilberg
My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
and leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.
Sybil Cheesman, flute
Julie Hudik, oboe

The Sermon “Concerning the Gladness of God” Charles Poole