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

Lord, you’re not after my doing things for you,
Nor bringing things to you,
Nor being religious, nor acting pious.
Instead, you’ve opened my ears so I can listen.

- The Message, Psalm 40:6

*The Recessional Hymn No. 694: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude “Finale” Powell

*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for January 19 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Isaiah 49:1-7 ~ page 592
- Psalm 4:1-11 ~ page 446
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ~ page 926
- John 1:29-42 ~ pages 862-863

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- Clara H. Scott, 1895
THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 19, 2020
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
Do you wish to pray in the temple? Then pray in your own heart. But begin by being God’s temple, for God hears those who invoke God’s name in the temple of the heart.

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"
Burkhardt
"Adagio"
Franck

The Call to Worship
"Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come"
Hopson

*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, we wait patiently for you.
People: Hear us, Lord, for you have lifted us from despair to stand on the solid rock.
Leader: You have put a new song upon our lips; a song of praise to our God.
People: That many will see and hear, and will put their trust in the Lord our God.
Leader: You have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us:
People: Therefore, let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve us!
All: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in your goodness. And may we all repeat this song of praise, “Great is the Lord!”

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

The Greeting
Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons
Psalm 40:1-11
I Corinthians 1:1-9

The Sermon
“Concerning the Open Ear”
Charles Poole

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE
The Meditation of Confession
I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord; plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you call upon me and pray to me, I will hear you.

"Arise, Shine; for Your Light Has Come"
Hopson

*The Offertory Prayer
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Burkhardt

*The Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION
*The Offertory Hymn No. 697: “In Christ There Is No East or West”
ST. PETER
Bailey Blount

*The Offertory
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Burkhardt

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD
The Gospel
John 1:29-42
Charles Poole

*The Anthem
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
Johnson

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

Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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