



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

We avoid suffering only at the great cost of distancing ourselves from life. In order to live fully we may need to look deeply and respectfully at our own suffering and at the suffering of others. In the depths of every wound we have survived is the strength we need to live. The wisdom our wounds can offer us is a place of refuge. Finding this is not for the faint of heart. But then, neither is life.

-Rachel Naomi Remen

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 14, 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

Break down, Lord, the screen of pretense and evasion behind which we hide. We want to hear the word you speak to us. You are God. Bring us back to yourself, the only source of light and hope.

-Edmund Banyard

The Prelude "This Is My Father's World" Pethel

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

*The Processional Hymn No. 16 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" *DUKE STREET*

Give to our God immortal praise;
mercy and truth are all his ways:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

He built the earth, he spread the sky,
and fixed the starry lights on high:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light;
he bids the moon direct the night:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent His Son with power to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave:
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vast world he guides our feet,
and leads us to his heavenly seat:
his mercies ever shall endure,
when this our world shall be no more.

*The Litany of Praise Suzanne Boone

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: We love the Lord because the Lord hears our voices and our cries for mercy.

People: Because the Lord hears us, we will continue to call on the Lord as long as we live.

Leader: But what can we offer to the Lord for all the Lord has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation, fulfill our vows, offer thanksgiving, and praise the name of the Lord.

All: Here we are, God, your faithful servants. Set us free for your service. Praise the Lord!

-Psalm 116:1-19, *adapted*

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Charles Poole
Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

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STUDENT NEWS:

Mystery Trip: tentatively scheduled for some part of **July 11-17** (the week when we would have gone to Passport). More details will be forthcoming - but not too many, it is still a Mystery.

Contact Major at:

major@northminsterbaptist.org

Children's Storytime with the Pastors

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Each of the Pastors will share a book, and we'll have a brief devotional thought.

Email lesley@northminsterbaptist.org if you would like the Zoom link.

Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, June 17

Drivers: Laine and Bob Hardin

Monday, June 22

Drivers: Jo Ann Welch and Karen Gilder

We will resume our regular schedule beginning in July. If anyone has questions, or is uncomfortable, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375.

Brumfield House

June 18

Hart Wylie

June 25

Bo Allen

July 2

Jeff Wilson

July 9

Joe Sims

Plants For Church Grounds

With so many of us spending more time at home and working in our gardens, I thought it would be a good time to ask for plants you have that you may be thinning out.

Some of the specific plants we would like to have are: *Hostas, Wood Ferns, Autumn Ferns, Swamp Irises*, perennials like *Daisies, Mexican Petunias, Irises, Black-Eyed Susans*, etc. Please call Joe D. Rankin, Chair, Landscaping and Grounds, 601-942-9356.

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation Suzanne Boone

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

In solitude, we come to know the Spirit who has already been given to us. The pains and struggles we encounter in our solitude thus become the way to hope, because our hope is not based on something that will happen after our sufferings are over, but on the real presence of God's healing Spirit in the midst of these sufferings.

-Henri Nouwen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"God's Time Is Best"

Bach

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"Like as a Father Doth Care for His Children"
Cheryl Coker and Carrie Blount, *sopranos*

Geisler

The Sermon

"Everyone Is Someone's Other"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

To be grateful for the good things that happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives - the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as the failures, the rewards as well as the rejections - that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment. As long as we keep dividing our lives between events and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our beings as a gift of God to be grateful for. Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now and trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God.

-Henri Nouwen

*The Recessional Hymn No. 556 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O draw my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am; be thou alone my constant flame.

O, grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O, may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; my every act, word, thought, be love.

In suffering be thy love my peace, in weakness be thy love my power;
and when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour,
be thou my rod and staff and guide, and draw me safely to thy side!

*The Benediction

Charles Poole

*The Postlude

“All Glory Be to God on High”

Burkhardt

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for June 14 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) ~ pages 12, 14-15

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 ~ pages 491-492

Romans 5:1-8 ~ page 917

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23) ~ pages 790-791

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Dudley Wilson on the death of his wife, Inez Wilson; and to Cindy Wilson, Jeff Wilson, Beth Wilson Peterson, and their families; and also to Frances Wilson Lester’s family. As a Charter Member and wife of Northminster’s first pastor, Inez remains a part of Northminster’s history.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christian and Jennifer Byrd on the birth of their son, William Andrew Byrd. Wills is also welcomed by his sister, Mary Elise Byrd.

Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.

Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.

Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Libby McGee	Pat Walston	R.W. McCarley
Virginia Hamilton	Jack Cochran	Robbie Cross
Vivian Thompson	Martha Collum	Nancy Herrin
Roxanne Aldridge	Gorman Schaffer	Sue Edwards

Alfalene Vardaman Morse, mother of Carol Tingle

Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles

Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin

Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole

Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost celebrates the existence of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world. The liturgical color is green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission. The Tree of Life (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:1-2) which rises above the baptistry, and is woven into our paraments, underscores this liturgical season’s emphasis on the living, growing Kingdom of God.

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The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Gail England.

The Caregiver of the Week is Zina Bass.

The Liturgist for June is Amy Williams.

The Flowers for June are provided by Lisa Kelly, Ann Lauman, Kandy Sims, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jan Stewart.

The Usher Captain for June is Dawn Warrington.

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The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of William Andrew Byrd. The proud parents are Christian and Jennifer Byrd.