



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

All night my heart makes its way  
however it can over the rough ground  
of uncertainties, but only until night  
meets and then is overwhelmed by  
morning, the light deepening, the  
wind easing and just waiting, as I  
too wait (and when have I ever been  
disappointed?) for redbird to sing.

-Mary Oliver

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

June 28, 2020  
\*\*Eight-thirty o'clock  
\*\*\*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.

The Meditation of Preparation

O Lord, our God,  
under the shadow of your wings we will rest.  
Defend us and support us,  
bear us up when we are little,  
and we know that even down to our gray hairs,  
you will carry us.

-St. Augustine

The Prelude "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Purcell

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 52 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" *ELLACOMBE*

*While we are not singing at this time, the words to the processional and recessional hymns are printed in our order of worship for us to read silently.*

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule by day;  
the moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

\*The Litany of Praise

\*\*Marcia Poole  
\*\*\*Anna Kate Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: People of God, look about you and see the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

**People: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

Leader: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here, and let us remember those in absence.

**People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**

**All: People of God, come. Let us worship together.**

-Ann Aspen Wilson, 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  
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**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Water Games - Monday, July 6, 6:00-8:00 pm.**

Come dressed in clothes you can get wet. Meet on the Youth House lawn. Bring a healthy spirit of competition.

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**2020 Family Camp**

July 13-17, 2020 (Sign up by July 1.)

Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain, North Carolina

Families will travel together and stay together at Rockmont, where we will enjoy Rockmont's many activities, outdoor worship, family meals, porch sitting and more!

The cost per family is \$1000, plus transportation and meals in transit, plus one evening meal. Scholarship money is available.

**We will have an informational meeting via Zoom on Sunday, June 28, at 5:00 pm.**

For more details, to sign up or for the link to the informational meeting, please contact Major Treadway ([major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)) or Lesley Ratcliff ([lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org))

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**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CAR PICNIC**

We will park cars in a circle in the back parking lot. Children, and their grownups, will bring a picnic, sit in the back of their car or in camp chairs behind their car and enjoy lunch or dinner with one another. The church will provide popsicles for dessert.

Children will participate with their 2019-2020 class:

Firecrackers – June 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sparklers – July 1, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

First and Second Grade – June 30, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Third and Fourth Grade – July 6, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fifth and Sixth Grade – July 8, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hope you can come join the fun!

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**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, July 6**

**Cooks:**

Annette Hitt  
Rebecca Black  
Lisa Cobb

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean and Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy and Jeff Davis

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**Brumfield House**

**July 2**

Jeff Wilson

**July 9**

Joe Sims

**July 16**

Gayla Purvis

**July 23**

Scott Wilson

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

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\*The Prayer of Invocation

\*\*Marcia Poole  
\*\*\*Anna Kate Williams

The Greeting

Lesley Ratcliff

The Lessons

Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

We are so afraid to open our clenched fists! Who will we be when we have nothing left to hold on to? Who will we be when we stand before you with empty hands? Please help us to gradually open our hands and to discover that we are not what we own, but what you want to give us. And what you want to give us is love—unconditional, everlasting love. Amen.

-Henri Nouwen

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

The Meditation

"Rejoice in the Lord"

Diemer

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"  
Shirley Foster, *soprano*

Hopson

The Sermon

"How Long?"

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

Grant, O God, your protection;  
and in your protection, strength;  
and in strength, understanding;  
and in understanding, knowledge;  
and in knowledge, the knowledge of justice;  
and in the knowledge of justice, the love of it;  
and in that love, the love of existence;  
and in the love of all existence, the love of God,  
God and all goodness.

-Ancient Welsh Prayer

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 636

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

If you will trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, you’ll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within. For those who trust God’s changeless love build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, in helpless anger and distress? If you are in his care and keeping, in sorrow will he love you less? For he who took for you a cross will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whatever your Father’s pleasure and all discerning love have sent. Doubt not your inmost wants are known to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust his word; though undeserving, you’ll find his promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Johnson

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for June 28 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Genesis 22:1-14 ~ pages 15-16
- Psalm 13 ~ pages 429-430
- Romans 6:12-23 ~ pages 917-918
- Matthew 10:40-42 ~ pages 791-792

\*\*Eight-thirty o’clock service

\*\*\*Ten-thirty o’clock service

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Jim and Gloria Martin on the death of Jim’s father, James Nello Martin, Sr.

Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.

Dianne Metzner is recovering after surgery.

Merle Dean 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

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 Fourth 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 Stewart Boone.

The Caregiving Chair for June is Sarah Reynolds.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for June is Gail England.

The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Nancy Bourn.

The Caregiver of the Week is Gayla Purvis.

The Liturgist for June is Amy Williams.

The Liturgist for July is Gray Jackson.

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

The Flowers for July are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Lynda Street and Jane Claire Williams.

The Usher Captain for June is Dawn Warrington.

The Usher Captain for July is Matt Kelly.

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**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.