



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

A stone for a pillow. It sounds odd to us, until we remember that very few people on this planet go to bed at night on soft pillows. In some countries, the head-rest is often made of wood, in some it is simply the ground. I have tried a stone, not in bed, but late on a hot afternoon, when I call the dogs, and walk across the fields to the woods. Placed under the neck in just the right way, a stone can help me relax after a morning of typing – though I wouldn't want it for a whole night. But for a time to rest, to think, to let go and be, a warm, rounded stone can be a good pillow, reminding me that I am indeed in the house of God, that wherever I call upon my maker is always God's house.

-Madeleine L'Engle, *adapted*

THE ACT OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 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.

The Meditation of Preparation

Whoever you are, you are human. Wherever you are, you live in the world, which is just waiting for you to notice the holiness in it. So welcome to your own priesthood, practiced at the altar of your own life. The good news is that you have everything you need to begin.

-Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*

The Prelude "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Bish

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

*The Processional Hymn No. 317 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *OLD HUNDREDTH*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with joy, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

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
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STUDENT NEWS:

Let's have lunch: Postponed. Stay tuned for details about rescheduling.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Monday, July 27

Cooks:

Gail England  
Ann Calhoon  
Kelly Hicks

Drivers:

Rt. 1 Pat Welsh &  
Bob Hardin  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen &  
Geri Smith

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Brumfield House

July 23

Scott Wilson

July 30

Kirk Sims

August 6

Skipper Jernigan

August 13

Jimmy Allen

*The Litany of Praise

Madeleine Wiggs

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: People of God, look about creation and see the faces of those we know and love – neighbors and friends, brothers and sisters – a communion 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 and see all the images of God assembled here today. In me, in you, in each of us everywhere, God's Spirit shines for all to see!

All: People of God, come, let us worship together.

-Ann Asper Wilson, *Flames of the Spirit*

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

MEINEKE

*The Prayer of Invocation

Madeleine Wiggs

The Greeting

Major Treadway

The Lessons

Genesis 28:10-19a
Romans 8:12-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSON AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

-Psalm 139:23-24

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"If With All Your Hearts"
Farrar Strum, *tenor*

Mendelssohn

The Sermon

"Concerning Jacob's Dream"

Charles Poole

TIME OF RESPONSE

The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw - and knew I saw - all things in God and God in all things.

-Mechtild of Magdeburg

*The Recessional Hymn No. 612 "How Firm a Foundation" *FOUNDATION*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "A Song of Wisdom" White

**The congregation will please stand.*

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

- Genesis 28:10-19a ~ page 22
- Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 ~ pages 503-504
- Romans 8:12-25 ~ page 919
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 ~ pages 794-795

CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

Robyn Chunn is hospitalized at St. Dominic.

Sue Edwards is recovering after surgery.

Jonathan Boone is recovering after surgery.

ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:

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

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 Seventh 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 baptism, 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 Jo Ann Ratliff.

The Caregiving Chair for July is Faye Barham.

The Caregiving Coordinator for July is Susan O'Mara.

The Caregivers of the Week are Bob Crisler and Nancy Bourn.

The Liturgist for July is Gray Jackson.

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

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.