



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“In the end, we shall have had enough of cynicism and skepticism, and we shall want to live more musically.”

-Vincent Van Gogh

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 30, 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

“We are all different. We are not the same. We are on a journey to see that it is our differences that make us beautiful as a human race; and that if we are ever to grow, we ought to learn and always learn some more.”

-C Joybell, *adapted*

The Prelude “Morning Has Broken” Pethel

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 2 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *NICAEA*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\*The Litany of Praise Bob Crisler

Leader: The peace of our Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: For thoughts that curve like winging birds, each time we drink the  
splendor of the sky and touch the wood-winds swinging by;

**People: We yield Thee praise.**

Leader: For hopes that fight like stubborn grass up through the clinging  
snows of fear;

**People: To find the rich earth richer still with kindness and honest will;**

**All: We yield Thee praise.**

-Philip Jerome Cleveland, *adapted*

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” *MEINEKE*

\*The Prayer of Invocation Bob Crisler

The Greeting Major Treadway

**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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### ***Little Free Library Donations***

In June, the Yellow Church summer camp staff welcomed a new addition to Wood Street—a brand new Little Free Library! This library holds books that are available to anyone in the community who would like to come by and grab one (or a few!). The library was thoughtfully and beautifully hand-painted by camp counselor D’Khiyah Matthews, and was mounted in front of the Yellow Church by Dennis Smith and Cade Carpenter.

If you are interested in donating books to keep the Little Free Library well stocked, contact Hilda Boteler for further details.

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### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

#### **Monday, September 7**

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| <b><u>Cooks:</u></b> | <b><u>Drivers:</u></b>          |
| Jean Welsh           | Rt. 1 Tim & Becky Frame         |
| Wanda Johnson        | & Gayla Purvis                  |
| Susan O’Mara         | Rt. 2 Pat Beall & Judy Jernigan |

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### **Brumfield House**

#### **September 3**

Chuck Poole

#### **September 10**

Mike Peters

#### **September 17**

Jeff Stancill

#### **September 24**

Scott Wilson

The Lessons Exodus 3:1-15  
Romans 12:9-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

-Romans 12:21

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“When Jesus Wept”  
Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

Sclater

### **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“The Greatest of These Is Love”  
Amanda Milam, *soprano*

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The Sermon

“What Do We Know?”

Charles Poole

### **TIME OF RESPONSE**

“Always aim at complete harmony of thought and word and deed. Always aim at purifying your thoughts, and all will be well.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 532 “Be Thou My Vision”

*SLANE*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Pethel

***\*The congregation will please stand.***

The Lectionary passages for August 30 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 3:1-15 ~ page 44  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c ~ pages 484-485  
Romans 12:9-21 ~ pages 922-923  
Matthew 16:21-28 ~ page 798

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Mary Elizabeth Smith is recovering after surgery.

Mary Ashley Adkins is recovering after surgery.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

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

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 Thirteenth 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 Rebecca Wiggs.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Steve Godbold.

The Caregiving Coordinators for August are Susie Friou and Susan O'Mara.

The Caregiving Chair for September is Annette Hitt.

The Caregiving Coordinators for September are Bob Crisler and Kurt Metzner.

The Caregiver of the Week is Ann Lauman.

The Liturgist for August is Linda McGehee.

The Liturgist for September is Rose Mary Porter.

The Flowers for August are provided by Jill Buckley, Lida Caraway, Susie Friou, Ann Lauman and Ann Vickery.

The Flowers for September are provided by John Tingle.

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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The flowers in the sanctuary are in Memory of Roger P. Friou, given by his family.