



## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

“Break down, Lord, the screens 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 our life and hope.”

-Edmund Barnyard

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

August 23, 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

To be fully human, fully ourself,  
To accept all that we are, all that you envision,  
This is our prayer.  
Walk with us out to the rim of life,  
Beyond security.  
Take us to the exquisite edge of courage,  
And release us to become.

-Sue Monk Kidd, *adapted*

The Prelude "My Faithful Heart Rejoices" Brahms

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Processional Hymn No. 45 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *NETTLETON*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise his name - I'm fixed upon it—name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

\*The Litany of Praise Caroline Crisler

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that power belongs to you.

**People: Today you offer us your power, so that we can help announce your kingdom.**

**All: For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.**

-Diego Frisch, *adapted*

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

\*The Prayer of Invocation Caroline 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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\*The Recessional Hymn No. 634 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty - hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
(want no more,) feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still by strength and shield,  
(strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside,  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee,  
(give to thee,) I will ever give to thee.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "Celebration" Callahan

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

**The Lectionary passages for August 23 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

- Exodus 1:8-2:10 ~ page 43
- Psalm 124 ~ page 498
- Romans 12:1-8 ~ page 922
- Matthew 16:13-20 ~ page 798

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Mary Elizabeth Smith is recovering after surgery.

Jan Wilson 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 Twelfth 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 Paul Smith.

The Caregiving Chair for August is Steve Godbold.

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

The Caregivers of the Week are Mary and Chico Taylor.

The Liturgist for August is Linda McGehee.

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

The Usher Captain for August is Matt Kelly.

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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.