

seek, serve and embrace

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Northminster Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov 20, 2011

9 and 11 a.m.

APPROACHING GOD

** Those who are able please stand.*

Silence your cell phone.

Congregation responds in bold.

CENTERING THOUGHT

“If I’m reading it right, the people God calls blessed are the ones who feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, befriend those in trouble, care for those in pain. Not a word about who or what they do or don’t believe in, only a description of how they live their lives.”

Ruth Burgess

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE “Suite Gothique” Marko Petrièia, Organ
I. Introduction Chorale

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ruth Chadwick Moore

Who is the king that we worship?

We worship Christ, who makes a home among the least and the lost.

Who is the king that we worship?

We worship Christ, who is hungry, is thirsty, is in prison, is a stranger.

In caring for the least among us we serve and worship Christ.

***HYMN 478** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, our King, we confess that although we are willing to say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your son, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Through Jesus Christ, God has reached out to us.

Like sheep who were driven from their pasture, God sought us and we were found.

May we continue to know the love of God through the loving acts of others,

and may we extend this love in the name of God wherever the presence of God is found.

Brothers and sisters, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

*GLORIA

Carroll Andrews



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Teri Thomas

(Children dismissed at this time for Children's Church.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11 am) Tony Dzwonar

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11 – 16, 20 – 24

ANTHEM (11 am)

“Let Everything That Hath Breath”

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff has a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!". The second staff has a 7/8 time signature and lyrics: "To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!". The third staff has a common time signature (C) and lyrics: "To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!". The fourth staff has a 7/8 time signature and lyrics: "To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!".

SERMON

“The King is a Shepherd and the Shepherd is a King”

Ruth Chadwick Moore

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *Heidelberg Catechism*

Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Teri Thomas

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING (*Sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.*)

RECOGNITION OF LEGACY SOCIETY

DEDICATION OF BEQUESTS

OFFERTORY

“The Head that Once was Crowned with Thorns”

(9 am) Section Leaders

(11 am) Chancel Choir

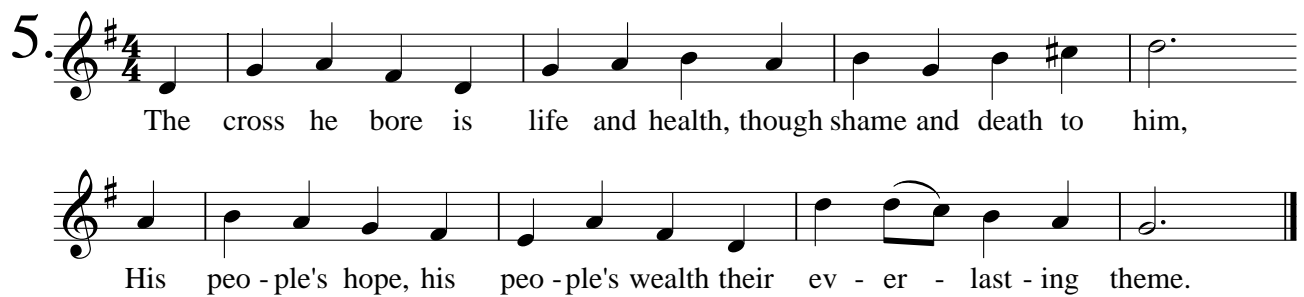
(Worshippers sing stanza 5 on cue from leader)

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; A royal diadem adorns the mighty victor’s brow.

2. The highest place that heav’n affords belongs to him by right; The King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav’n’s eternal light.

3. The joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love. The cross with all its shame is giv’n; their name an everlasting name; Their joy the joy of heav’n.

4. They suffer with their Lord below; they reign with him above; Their profit and their joy to know the myst’ry of his love.

5. 

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia!**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GOING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 155** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go forth and be the hand that heals and the ears that listen with patience.

We are your people, O God.

Be the feet that stand with the oppressed and the mouth that speaks truth.

We are your people, O God.

Be the eyes that see the holy in all people and the heart that is full of life.

We are your people, O God.

Go now in peace and may the Spirit of Christ reign in your hearts.

POSTLUDE (9 am) “All Glory be to God on High”
Marko Petrièiæ, Organ

(11 am) “NETTLETON”
Unity Ringers

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

THE FLOWERS DECORATING THE CHANCEL

today are in celebration of Carol Mann's birthday. Given with love from: Jacob, Katy, and Lucy Mann & Robert and Susan Martin"

ANNIVERSARY TREASURE HUNT, TODAY

Our Bridge Team will lead us in a celebration honoring the 2nd anniversary of the completion of our building renovation at 10 am in the Gathering Place. Join us for refreshments and a “treasure hunt” throughout the building.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

The Worship Team will be embellishing the church for Advent on Sat., 11/26 beginning at 10am in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary.) We’ll hang wreaths and decorate the Chrismon trees. All are welcome to join us. This is a project for all ages. Questions, contact Bobbie Cann at bcann@sbcglobal.net.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The last Sunday of the Christian year, Christ the King Sunday, celebrates the cosmic character of Christ’s reign over the entire creation. Today we celebrate the life, work, and reign of Jesus. This day testifies to everyone that everything in culture and creation must submit to Christ the King. It is an invitation to each of us to submit our lives actively and joyfully to Christ’s sovereign rule. The theme of the Lordship of Christ is integral to the message of the entire New Testament and certainly to the faithful practice of Christian worship.

CHRISTMAS LITE IS SUNDAY, 12/4

WITH SPECIAL MUSICAL GUEST, MAX WELLMAN

On Sunday, 12/4, don't miss:

Alternative Gift Market & PW Bake Sale, 10am - 1pm;

All-church lunch in Calvin Hall at Noon

Christmas Lite with special musical guest, jazz singer & pianist, Max Wellman at 1pm

J.O.Y. GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Mark your calendar for the J.O.Y. Christmas luncheon, Thur., Dec. 8. We'll sing favorite Christmas songs/hymns. Make your reservation, call the church office at 251-9489.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD DATE CHANGED! NOW ON 12/1

Clothe-A-Child is now Thurs., 12/1 at 10 am at Sears/Castleton Square. **Financial donations and volunteer shoppers are needed.** Make checks payable to NPC with Clothe-A-Child noted. Specially marked Clothe-A-Child envelopes are available in your annual giving envelopes, the pews, and the church office. Sign up sheet for volunteer shoppers is located across from the Choir Room. Please consider donating your time, money, or both for this very important traditional Christmastime outreach.