

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" JS BACH

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Bob Triebelhorn

Leader: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

People: we are given enough joy to live each day.

Leader: In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

People: we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.

Leader: In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

People: we are given enough grace to share each day.

Hymn No. 351 "All Who Love and Serve Your City" Glory to God

Call to Confession Bob Triebelhorn

Unison Prayer of Confession

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us).

Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Bob Triebelhorn

Leader: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

People: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Exodus 16:2-15
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 20:1-16
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Special Music "It Is Well With My Soul" HELVEY

Sermon "Grace Is Not Fair"

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder (offering plate at the back of sanctuary as you exit)
Special ongoing offering for Clifton Avenue Food Pantry—use oatmeal box on the table

Affirmation of Faith—from The Confession of Belhar

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

Hymn No. 719

“Come, Labor On”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Hornpipe”

WESLEY

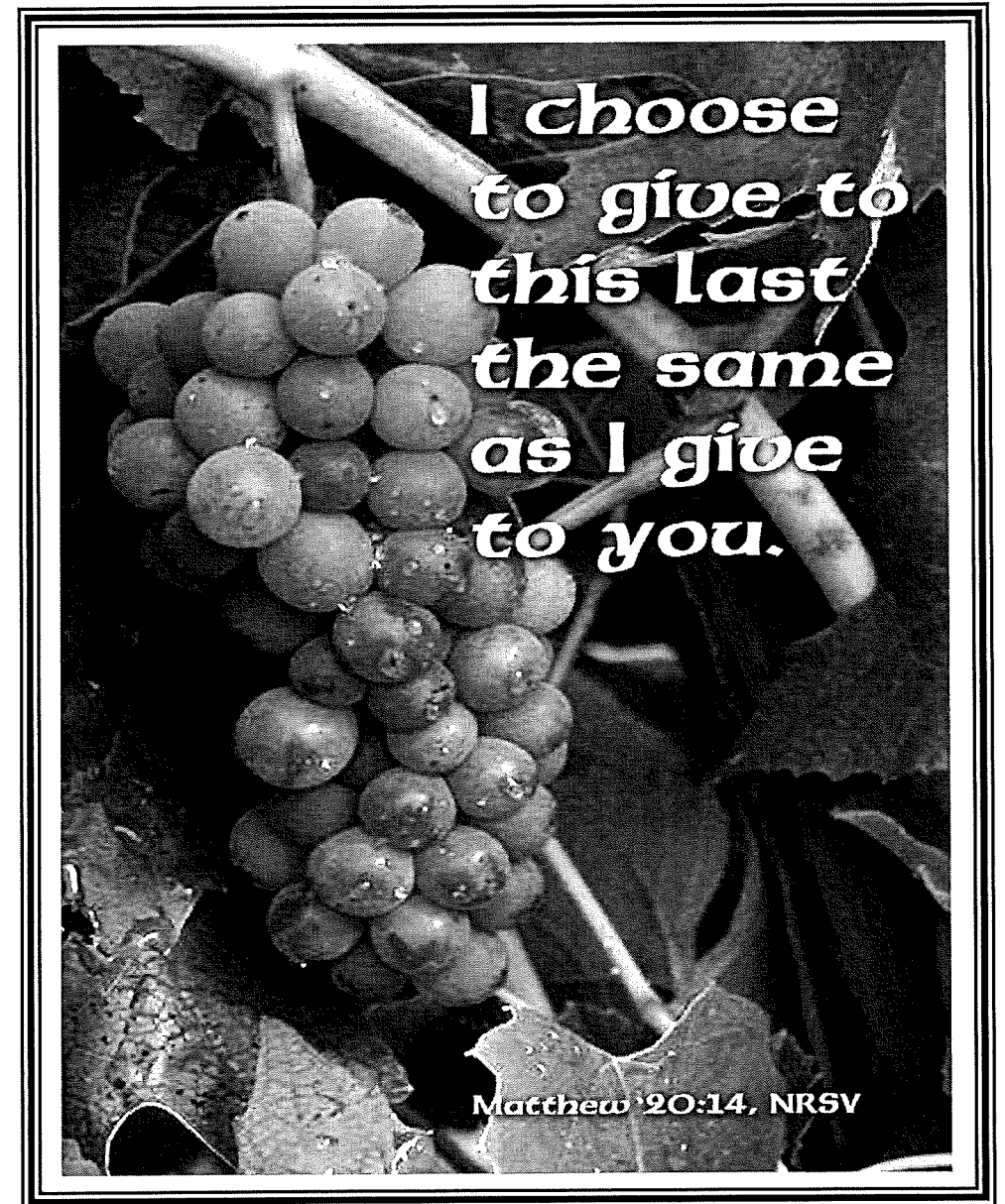
Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com for today's liturgy

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