

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Musette" JS BACH

Welcome and Announcements Julie Griffin

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Call to Worship** Julie Griffin

Leader: Sing to God.

People: Sing praises to God's name.

Leader: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

People: Sing praises to the Lord. Let us worship God.

Hymn No. 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" Glory to God

Call to Confession Julie Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Julie Griffin

Leader: We are God's people

People: created, loved and forgiven.

Leader: The God of all grace has called us by name.

People: God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

Leader: It is good news to celebrate.

People: We are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer) Julie Griffin

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

I cast all my cares upon You.

I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.

And anytime that I don't know what to do,

I will cast all my cares upon You. (sing through twice)

Meditation "Bist Du Bei Mir" JS BACH

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson John 17:1-11

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Video Sermon Rev. Sue Eaves

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder (Offering plate is outside the sanctuary on the table by door)

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)**

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

Hymn No. 326

“For All the Saints”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Allegro Maestoso”

PEETERS

*Those who are able are invited to stand

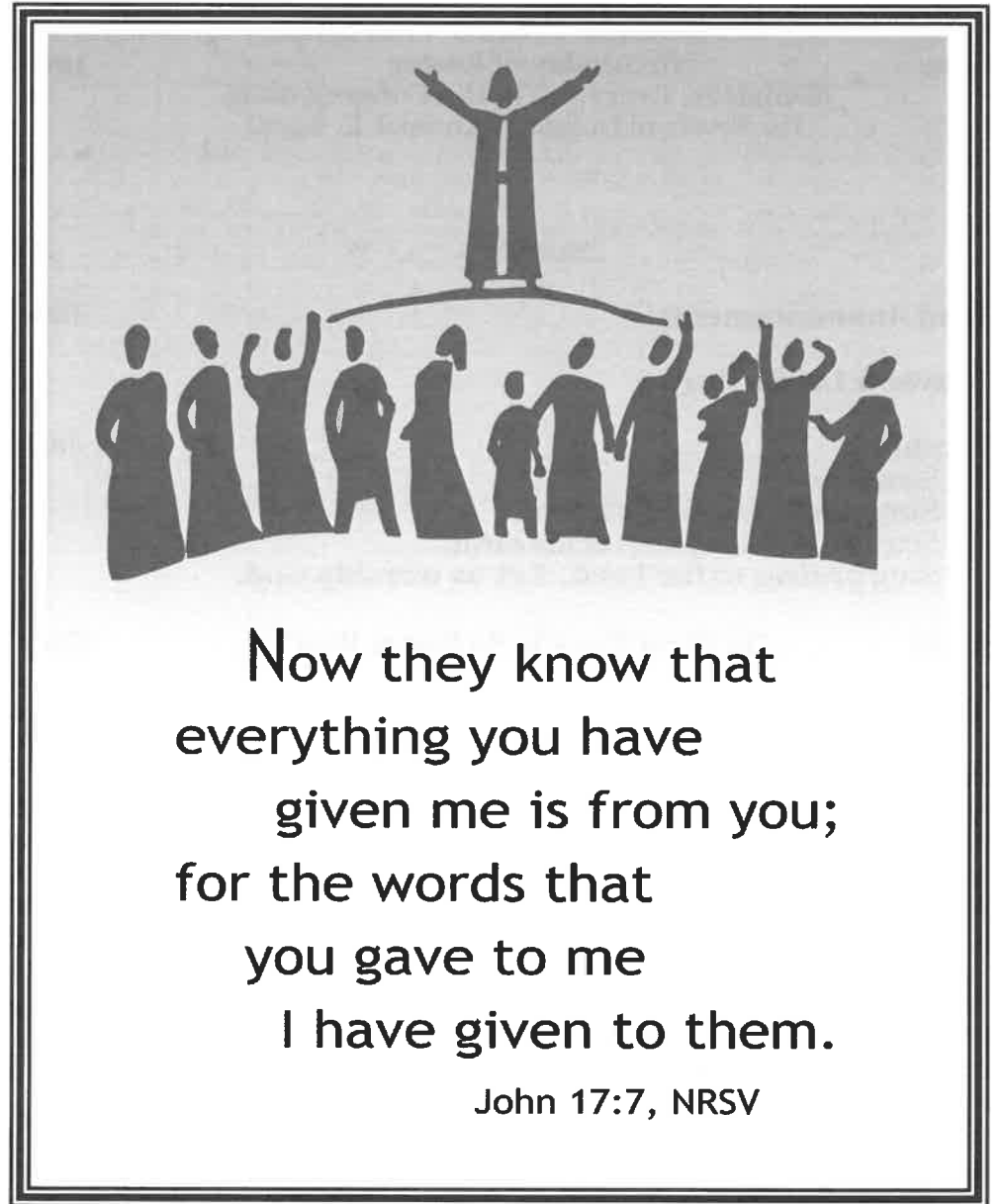
Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Today’s liturgy is provided by Rev. Sharon Core and The Presbyterian Outlook

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Now they know that
everything you have
given me is from you;
for the words that
you gave to me
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

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