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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020
11:00 am

** Those who are able, please stand.*
Congregation responds in bold.

WE APPROACH GOD

WELCOME

Carol McDonald

PRELUDE

Symphonie No. 5
IV. Adagio

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)
Marko Petričić, Organ

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY** Mike and Julie Shannon family
**God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your
praise.
Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and
unexpected.
Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your
grace,
that we may witness to your love, which embraces both
those we call friend and those we call stranger. Amen.**

*** HYMN**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God,

We confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation.

We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,

a people set apart for your divine purpose.

We live more in apathy than in passion born of hope.

We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.

We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

By your Holy Spirit, revive us and reshape us in your image.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

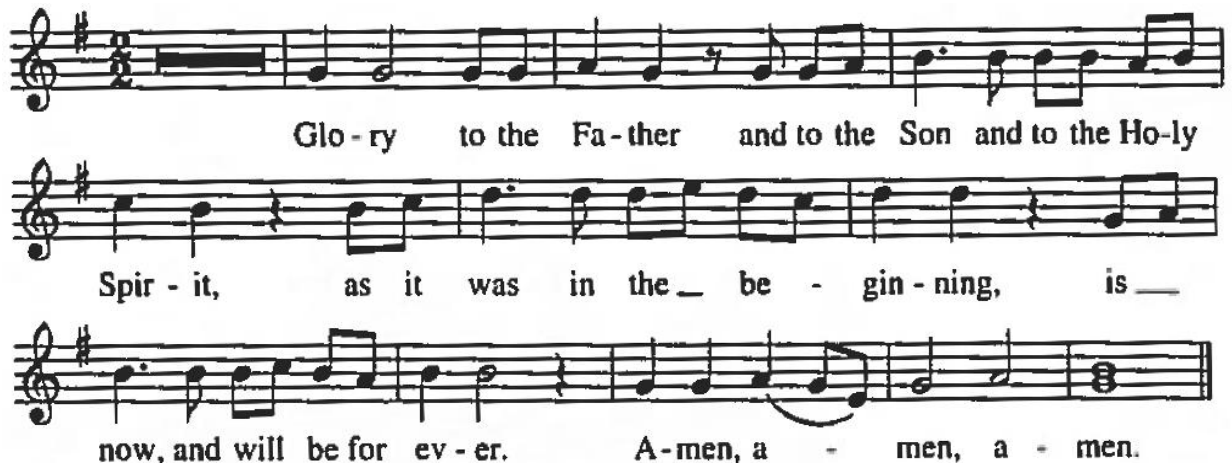
Beloved, be not surprised. Our God is gracious to all,
restoring us to new life.

This is the good news which is for us, and for all God's children:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

*** GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver



*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE** (*Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.*)

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



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

SOLO

For the mountains shall depart (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Doug Johnson, Baritone

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be
removed;

but Thy kindness shall not depart from me;

neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed;

but Thy kindness shall not depart from me;

neither shall be removed the covenant of Thy peace.

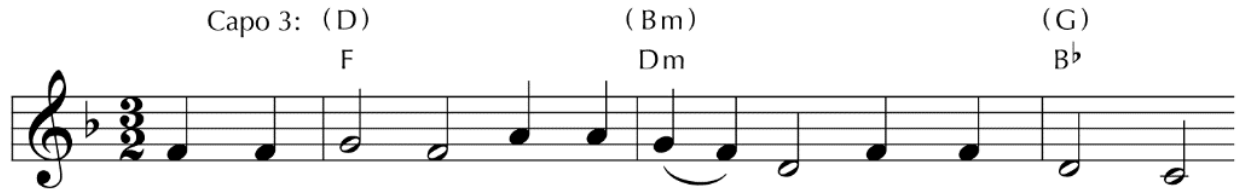
OFFERING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

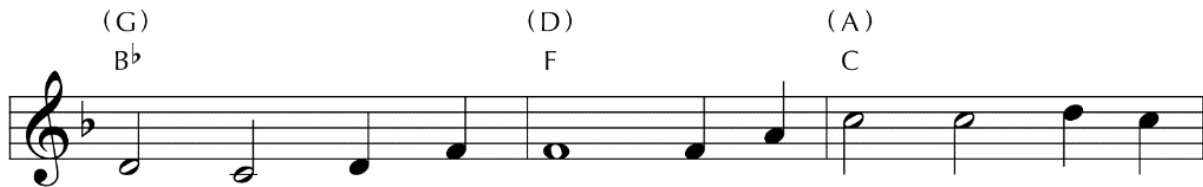
BEACH SPRING



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who prayed that we would be one,
Even as he and the Father are one, so grace you with his Spirit
**that we may grow in grace and fellowship
and discover joy in walking together as part of Christ's body –
so that the world may know of God's love for us in Christ. Amen.**

RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter
(born 1945)

Doug Johnson, Baritone

The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6:24



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's final hymn, "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending," was written by Robert Edwards for a hymn contest on the theme of stewardship. Edwards claim he wrote the hymn while vacationing in the White Mountains of New Hampshire during the summer. The hymn was first published in *Ten New Stewardship Hymns*, 1961. Edwards was educated at Princeton University, Harvard Divinity School, and Union Theological Seminary, New York. He was ordained to the United Church of Christ and served churches in Connecticut throughout his career.

We appreciate the vocal contributions of Doug Johnson, Baritone, this morning. Doug received his bachelor's and master's degree in music from Butler University, and now directs the choral department at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He recently began duties as director of the Westminster Presbyterian Virtual Quartet, based in Munster, Indiana. He is also the founder and artistic director of Indianapolis' own Circle City Chamber Choir. Doug served as Northminster Presbyterian Church's Interim Choral Director during John Wright's sabbatical, fall of 2018. We are fortunate to have Doug Johnson as one of Northminster's Section Leaders.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, September 22 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Gathering Place Parking Lot **Meet and Greet for Dave and Ann Smazik.**

Thursday, September 24 – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Gathering Place Parking Lot **Meet and Greet for Dave and Ann Smazik.**

Sunday, September 27 – 3:00 p.m. CONCERT in the Gathering Place Parking Lot **provided by Blake Schlabach and friends.** A freewill offering will be taken. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music!

Sunday, October 4 – 4:00 p.m. ICE CREAM SOCIAL and PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR 3RD GRADERS in the Gathering Place Parking Lot. Bring your lawn chairs.

Friday, October 9 and Saturday, October 10 – FALL WORK DAYS at Northminster – organized by the Buildings and Grounds Team. Watch for sign up information.

Sunday, October 11 – Afternoon...

DAY OF CARING... outdoor projects at church and with Dayspring Center and the Broad Ripple Village Association. Drive-by visits to Northminster shut-ins living in their own homes.



*For more information, check out our website
(northminster-indy.org).*

To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount to 317-316-3009. Our online system, ShelbyNext, will prompt you through a one-time set-up.

MINISTRY

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Interim Pastor

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Carol McDonald
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John M. Wright
Director, Music Ministries

Marko Petričić
Music Associate/Organist

Denise Harrington
Senior Ministry

Melissa Hopkins
Interim Christian Education

Marland Pittman
Interim Youth

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Lori Schlabach
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Lead Custodian

Jonathan Petersen
Custodian

Carol Campbell
John Reed
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