

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 26, 2021

10:00am

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

There is a designated section in the Sanctuary for children and accompanying adults during the worship service. This allows an option for social distancing during the latest Covid-19 surge.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Ruth Chadwick Moore

PRELUDE

Soliloquy

David Conte

(b. 1955)

Marko Petričić, Organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, we come to the river's edge for we need your touch, your healing,
your restoration, for the journey we make through this world is long.

O God, we come to the water's edge, for there is no other place to go.

We are broken and we need wholeness again,
for the journey we make through this world is lonely.

O God, we meet you here, where truth and story meet;
 where earth and heaven tangle:
for the journey we make through this world is ever with you.
Let us worship Christ, our healer.

*** HYMN NO. 793 O Christ, the Healer ERHALT, UNS HERR**



1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for
 2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies
 3 How strong, O Lord, are our de - sires, how weak our
 4 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og -
 5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com -



health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
 clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
 knowl - edge of our - selves! Re - lease in us those
 nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
 mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -



be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
 heal - ing truths un - con - scious pride re - sists or shelves.
 clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

**Merciful God, you have been good to us, but we have not loved
 you with our whole heart.**

You call us to return to you, but we fail to listen.

**You offer us life, but we hunger after that which does not
 satisfy.**

**You want us to share the Good News about Jesus, but we
 remain silent.**

**You command us to show mercy, but we walk away from
 people in need.**

You teach us what is right, but we tolerate injustice and sin.

Forgive us, Lord.

Deliver us from evil and free us for joyful service.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear this Good News.

You are granted grace, mercy and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are forgiven! We will follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and live from this day forward in the promises of God.

*** GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

Paul Vasile



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*** 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Lisa Longo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Cantor

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
in the name of love, in the name of
slowing
love, in the name of love.

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5: 13-20

Jill de las Alas

PSALM 19: 7-14

translation by Michael Morgan

John Plunkett

The law of God is just, re - viv - ing the soul.

Your Word is sure and perfect still
a source of light and life;
**Your Law is right and reason-filled
your peace, the end of strife.**
Your everlasting truth and love
can scarce be fully told;
**More sweet than honey from the comb,
more precious yet than gold.**

Refrain

You know the secrets of our hearts,
but deign to love us here;
**Preserved from pride and self-conceit,
we meet You without fear.**
May all the words our tongues shall speak,
**find grace with You, Redeemer, Rock,
now and forevermore.**

Refrain

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9: 38-50

SERMON

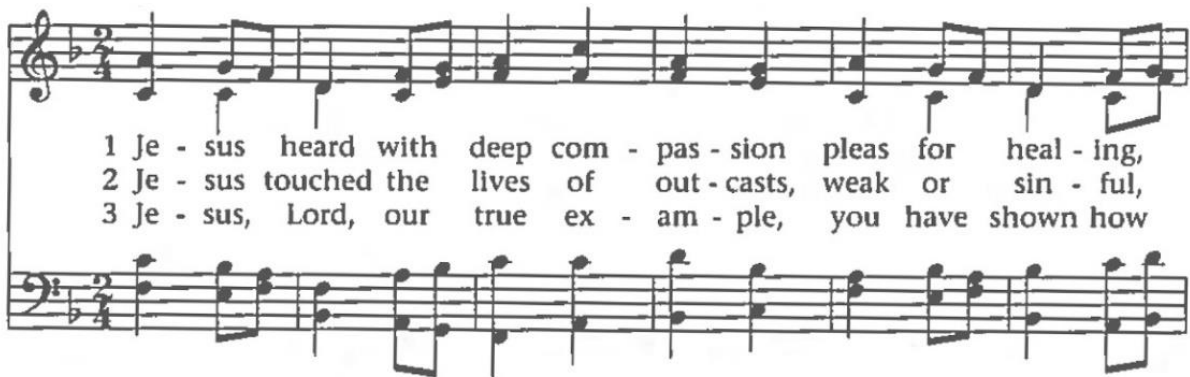
Prayers for Healing

Ruth Chadwick Moore

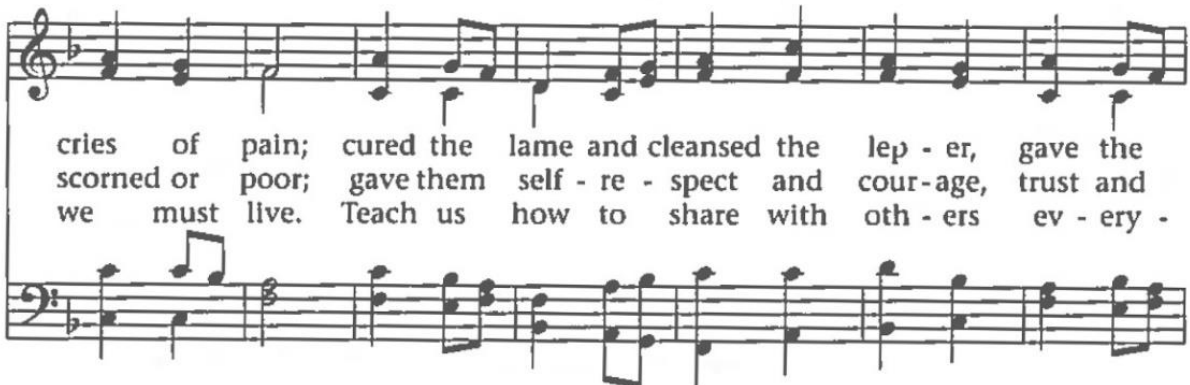
SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD's WORD

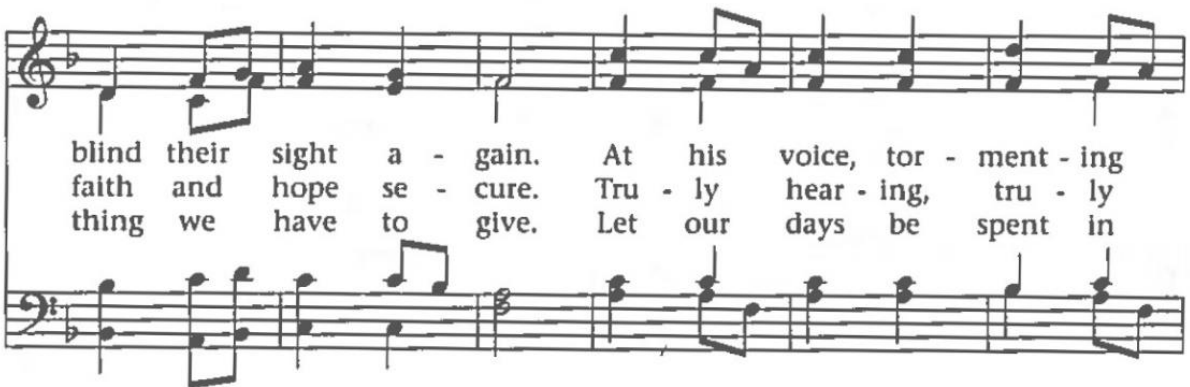
*** HYMN** Jesus Heard with Deep Compassion **PLEADING SERVICE**



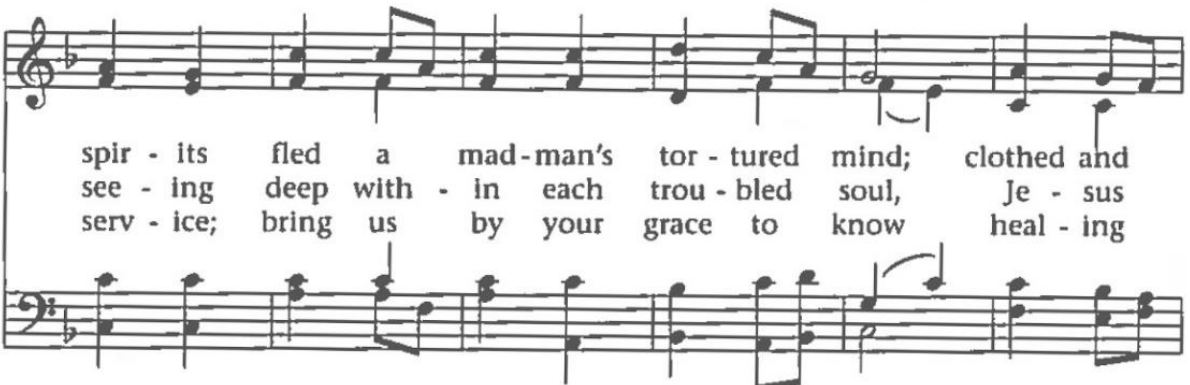
1 Je - sus heard with deep com - pas - sion pleas for heal - ing,
 2 Je - sus touched the lives of out - casts, weak or sin - ful,
 3 Je - sus, Lord, our true ex - am - ple, you have shown how



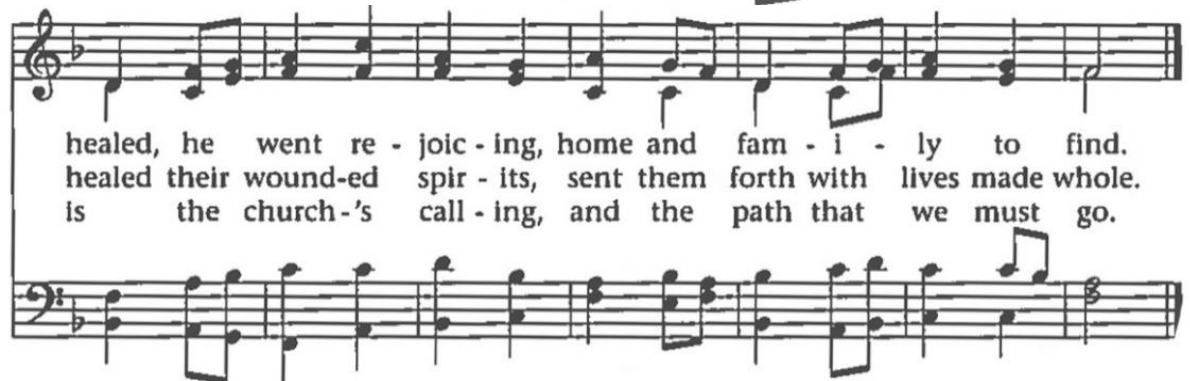
cries of pain; cured the lame and cleansed the lep - er, gave the
 scorned or poor; gave them self - re - spect and cour - age, trust and
 we must live. Teach us how to share with oth - ers ev - ery -



blind their sight a - gain. At his voice, tor - ment - ing
 faith and hope se - cure. Tru - ly hear - ing, tru - ly
 thing we have to give. Let our days be spent in



spir - its fled a mad - man's tor - tured mind; clothed and
 see - ing deep with - in each trou - bled soul, Je - sus
 serv - ice; bring us by your grace to know heal - ing



healed, he went re - joic - ing, home and fam - i - ly to find.
 healed their wound - ed spir - its, sent them forth with lives made whole.
 is the church - 's call - ing, and the path that we must go.

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hagan
(1957-2003)
Chancel Choir

O Lord, please hear my prayer, in the mornin' when I rise.
It's your servant bound for glory, O dear Lord, please hear my
prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, keep me safe within Your arms.
It's your servant bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my
prayer.

When my work on earth is done, and you come to take me home.
Just to know I'm bound for glory, and to hear you say Well done.
Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

God our creator, your will for us and for all your people is
wholeness and salvation.
Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and
have it in abundance.
Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your
presence.
To the triune God, the source of all life, let us offer our prayers.

(A time of silence is kept after each petition)

For all who are in need of healing...
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who are disabled by injury or illness...
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all who are troubled by confusion or burdened by pain...
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For all whose increasing years bring weariness...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all about to undergo surgery...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who practice the healing arts...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken. We bless you for this oil, pressed from the fruits of the earth, given to us as a sign of healing and forgiveness and of the fullness of life you give.

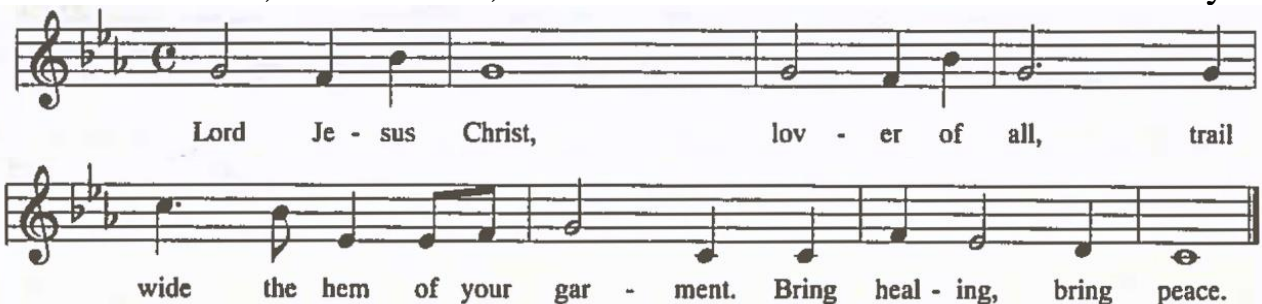
By your Spirit, come upon all who receive this ministry of compassion, that they may receive your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ, Amen.

(If you wish to be anointed with oil for healing and wholeness, please come up to one of the stations. You may express your prayer concerns. The pastor/Stephen Minister will anoint you on the forehead and say a prayer with you).

MUSIC DURING ANOINTING

Lord, Jesus Christ, Lover of All

Iona Community



In the Arms of God

Tony Alonso

Kelly Day and Simon Lee

(please sing refrain on cue from leader)



Gentle is God's way and humble is God's heart.
 God's love will light the way that leads to peace.
 Surely you shall see God's goodness and God's grace:
 Rest now in God's embrace. **Refrain**

Do not be afraid; God heals the broken heart.
 Through grief and disbelief God still remains.
 God and God alone will be your soul's true rest:
 Fall in the arms of God. **Refrain**

You are not alone, for God is always near.
 Come, place your doubt and fear within God's care.
 God will give you rest and soothe your weary soul:
 Dwell in the heart of God. **Refrain**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*** HYMN NO. 797** We Cannot Measure How You Heal
 YE BANKS AND YE BRAES

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, the
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
 pres - ent too is love which tends the
 let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
 hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
 mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
 pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
 dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

God be in my head

John Rutter
(born 1945)
Chancel Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's final hymn, No. 797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal," was written by the Iona Community's John Bell and Graham Maule in response to a 1996 incident in Dunblane, Scotland, in which 16 school children and their teacher were killed by a gunman. The hymn expresses a combination of boldness and humility. Stanza 1 references Christ's bloodied hands and appeals to God as a fellow-sufferer yet recognizes our own ignorance. Stanza 2 acknowledges our need for both healing and the love that heals. Stanza 3 allows worshipers confidently to come as they are before the triune God as Shaper, Savior, and Spirit. John Bell (born 1949) is a preacher, teacher, and hymn writer based in Glasgow, Scotland. He has produced over 15 collections of songs and a wide range of liturgical materials. A Church of Scotland minister, he is a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster, and former student activist. He works throughout the world, lecturing in colleges and seminaries in the UK, Canada and the United States, but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Organ and Cross Dedication Concert – Friday, October 1, 7:00pm.

Featuring Frank Boles and Marko

Petričić, organ, Chancel Choir and soloists.

Fall Worship Schedule –

8:30am – Contemplative Service in the Sanctuary

10:00am – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
(Children's Church School)

11:00am – Fellowship Time

11:15am – Christian Education

Wednesday Night – Dinner (5:30pm), **Children's Choirs and Adult Offerings** (6:00pm), **Chancel Choir**– (7:00pm). Dinner – Adults \$5, Age 5-12 \$4, under 5 Free, max \$20. Reservations for dinner online or church office by Noon on Monday.

Wednesday Night Adult Classes – 6:00pm

Sept 29 - Gabe Goncalves - introductory class on the health benefits of Kombucha drinks.

Oct 6 – Mike Boris

Oct 20 – Krista Wright – Yoga and Mindful Living

Oct 27 – Dave Smazik – Family Systems

Day of Caring – October 10. No 8:30am or 10:00am service in the sanctuary. We gather at 10:00am outside for a short devotional and then begin our mission work. Sign up online or in the Gathering Place. All ages can participate.

*For more information on events and meetings – **and how to join Zoom events or meetings** – visit our website (northminster-indy.org). To give by text message 317-316-3009.*

Mark your calendar for these special Sundays

**October 3 – World Communion Sunday and
3rd Grade Bible Presentations**

October 10 – Day of Caring

One brief service only at 10:00am in the parking lot
before we fan out through the neighborhood and city
to participate in mission projects.

Options include:

Broad Ripple Village Association –
planting, weeding, trash pick-up, graffiti cover up
Day Spring Shelter – office clean up, landscaping

Visit homebound

Casserole preparation

homebound gifts – wreath making and goodie bags

Birthday cake kits

Note writers

Bring non-perishable food donations for Westminster Food Pantry

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