



Northminster Presbyterian Church

Seek Serve Embrace

Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022 10:00 a.m.



CENTERING THOUGHT

We are all one family.	(English)
Somos todos una familia.	(Spanish)
Nous sommes tous une famille.	(French)
Wir sind alle eine Familie.	(German)
είμαστε όλοι μια οικογένεια.	(Greek)
كلنا عائلة واحدة .	(Arabic)
וְלָנוּ מִשְׁפָּחָה אֶחָדָה .	(Hebrew)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

The Feast Is Ready (The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing)

Aaron D. Miller
(born 1972)

INTROIT

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

Arr. John DeVries
Celebration Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are all one family.

Higher voices: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

Lower voices: We are all one family, all over the world.

Grandparents: We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.

**All: We are all one family, on one journey of faith -
united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.**

*HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol McDonald

We come to Christ's table today, O God, forgetting we are citizens not just of this country and city, but of the world. And so we pray:

From where we are to the streets and valleys of the homeless,

Lord, lead us to our true neighbors.

From the security of what we know to the mystery of discipleship,

Lord, lead us into new vulnerabilities.

From polluted rivers and unaffordable water,

Lord, lead us to the thirsty and the unbathed.

From the corridors of the mighty Empires,
Lord, lead us to shelter the homeless and the immigrant in your love.

From death of dreams of the elders and death of vision of Youth,
Lord, forgive us. Open our eyes to the joy and wonder of sharing your love!
We pray in Jesus' name.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The power of God has saved us;
grace is given to us in Christ Jesus.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

***RESPONSE**

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Edith McNeil

The steadfast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; God's

mer-cies nev-er come to an end. They are

new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing; great is your

faith-ful-ness, O Lord, great is your faith-ful-ness.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Brian Shivers

*(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner, Heifer International.)
Preschoolers only released to Church School.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lamentations 3: 19 - 26
Pew Bible page 766

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 1: 1 – 14
Pew Bible page 211

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Am Reminded

Brian Shivers

*HYMN NO. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Psalm 150

Charles Stanford
(1852 – 1924)
Chancel Choir

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

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.

***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ANTHEM

In the Stranger's Guise

Karen Marroli
Davis Brooks, Violin
Chancel Choir

We saw a stranger yesterday.
We put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place;
And with the sacred name of the triune God,
He blessed us and our house,
our cattle and our dear ones.
As the lark says in her song:
"Often, often, often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

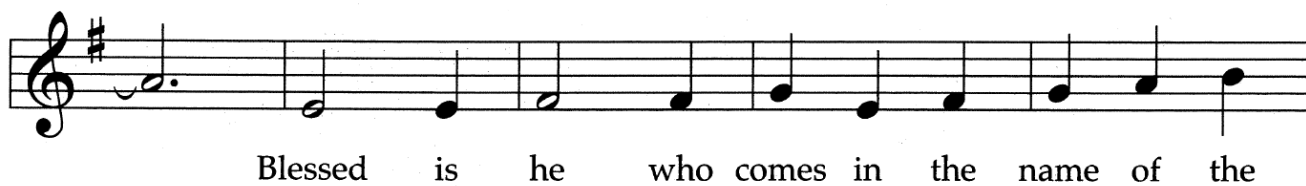
It is right to give our thanks and praise

We give you thanks, O God...

...join in unending song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS



We praise you for speaking love...

Great is the mystery of faith ...

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Gracious God, pour out your...
...and all praise now and forever.

AMEN

AMEN



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Abana alathi fi ssama

arr. Greg Scheer
(born 1965)
Krista Wright, Soprano

Translation:

Abana in heaven, your name is hallowed.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in heaven.
And give to us this day our daily bread, O Lord, we pray.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And save us in time of trial. Yours is the kingdom, the power,
the glory now and forever. Abana in heaven. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle.
The server will offer you the bread which you may then dip into the cup
to receive the sacrament by intinction. Return to your seat using the side aisle.
If you are unable to come forward, you will be served in your pew.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION
arr. James Clemens
Davis Brooks, Violin

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.
(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

***HYMN NO. 505** The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing THE FEAST IS READY

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Now with our siblings around the world, filled body and spirit at the table,
may we be reminded of God's saving grace through the One who invited
us to this sacred meal.

Go forth, relying on the power of God,
who saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not according to our works, but to God's purpose and grace.
Live with hope in the steadfast love of God.
Let us proclaim to all in despair that God's mercies never come to an end.

POSTLUDE Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Jamaican Folk melody

Music and Art in Worship

As part of the Invitation to Communion, the Chancel Choir sings American composer Karen Marroli's "The Stranger's Guise." Commissioned by Northminster Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Kentucky, for this summer's Montreat Conference on Worship and Music, the piece is a setting of the medieval text *Celtic Rune of Hospitality*. Conductor and composer Karen Marroli is currently the Director of Music Ministries at Central United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She holds a DMA degree in Choral Conducting from Louisiana State University, a Masters degree in Choral Conducting and Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College and a Bachelor's degree in Theory and Composition from Westminster.

Today we pray the Lord's Prayer through song. Our soloist, Krista Wright, sings an Arabic version – "Abana alathi fi ssama." Singing familiar Biblical texts of another community expresses much more than the desire to be multicultural. It reflects Christ's incarnational presence in various cultures and worship experiences. When we adopt the language of another culture's worship, we are simply singing the redemptive work of the Spirit that is undeniably common to all of Christ's church. Composer and author Greg Scheer arranged this version from the Egyptian folk style. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Scheer is one of today's leading figures in global and contemporary hymns, and currently serves as director of worship at Church of the Servant and Music Associate at the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The accompanying instrument is a harmonium, which in this particular setting, produces a drone sound. A harmonium is a small pump or reed organ that reached its apex of popularity in the late 1800s. Its volume and tonal range is limited, with pedal boards being rare. The instrument is still quite popular in India

The hands banner was made approximately 10 years ago using a sun print dying technique learned at Montreat. The hand outlines are from Northminster members of all ages. Mary Boris designed and created this banner. The rainbow streamers against the back wall were used at Montreat in 2012 during the Worship and Music Conference and were purchased by Northminster following the conference. The papercut suncatchers lining the ramp to the sanctuary were made by congregation members at a Wednesday evening art class led by Lisa Longo. They are stars and hearts to celebrate World Communion Sunday representing God's love around the globe and that we all live under the same stars. John and Cheryl Plunkett hand crafted several of the loaves of bread for the Communion Table today.

Announcements

Umoja Lunch and Presentation: Today after Worship Please join us for this special presentation and meal by Denise Soltis, president of the Umoja Partnership, one of Northminster's mission partners. No reservation? No problem! *We have plenty.*

Northminster Community Yoga: Today, 5:30-6:30 pm, Calvin Hall Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga, select Sundays through December. \$10 adults, \$5 students. No experience needed, walk-ins welcome.

Preschool Teacher Needed Northminster Community Preschool is looking for an assistant teacher for our 2/3's class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The position includes a two-week Christmas break and one-week Spring break, and school ends mid-May. If you enjoy reading books, making crafts, and changing the occasional diaper, this is for you! Please contact Shiloh O'Rourke for details at preschool@northminster-indy.org

Church School Sign Up We need your help in our Nursery, Preschool, and Children's Church Classes for October. Sign up on the website Event page or email Melissa Hopkins, Interim Director or Children's Ministry, at mhopkins@northminster-indy.org.

Family Promise Oct Food Delivery Sign Up Volunteers needed to prepare and deliver a meal to a family in the Family Promise Apartment Shelter Project, Thursdays in October. Go to the Events section of the church website for more information and to sign up.

Northminster Presents: New Playground and West Side Development Our playground is not up to code and must be updated, and that's only part of the exciting plans in store for the west side of our church property. Come for a presentation on the project by Jerry Gray Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Fall Work Days 9-12 pm Friday, Oct 28 and Sat, Oct 29 We need your help to give our building a little extra love! We'll power wash and reroof the preschool storage barn, remove items from preschool rooms to prep for painting, and clean the backs of the pews. Sign up online, in the Gathering Place, or just show up!

Trunk or Treat It's time to start planning for Trunk or Treat! The church will provide the treats but we need friendly (or spooky!) folks to pass them out. This is a fun and easy way to reach out to our neighbors, so let's make it great! Please [register](#) online if you will pass out candy OR if you'll trick or treat with your little ones. **Please bring donated candy to the Gathering Place by Friday, October 28.**

Middlers Revival November 5, 6-8:00 pm Join your church friends for a fun and casual dinner at the home of Liz and Steve Neterval. The Middlers have traditionally been for those in their 40s to 60s, but all are welcome! Please bring a side, dessert or beverage to share. RSVP to eneterval@gmail.com or call the church office at 317-251-9489 by Wednesday, November 2.

Pokagon Registration Open Go to the Events section of the church website to register for this great weekend with your Northminster Family. We'll stay at the Potawatomi Inn Jan 20-22, 2023 for tobogganing and winter fun. Registration is due November 20.

Family Events: Save the Date! Mark your calendars for family fun at Indy Fuel Sunday, Nov 20, and Northminster Italian Night Saturday, Feb 25! More details to come.

Wednesday Book Study: Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, 6:00 pm, Board Room
Join Rev. Carol McDonald and Rev. Brian Shivers for this ten-week exploration of the book by Marcus J. Borg, taking the Bible seriously, but not literally. Books are available for purchase in the church office, \$15.

Additional information and details can be found on the church website.

*Northminster Presbyterian Church is a Matthew 25 congregation
and a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians.*

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text the amount to (317) 316-3009.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster. Sign up on the church website at
Menu/Resources/Publications.

Prayer List

The prayer list is now available 24/7 online! Go to the church website and access it under
Menu/Resources/Prayer.

Ministry

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