



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time | October 29, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Suite Gothique (I. Introduction Choral)" | Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897); Marko Petričić, Organ

INTROIT

"Joy In My Heart" | arr. Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970); Peace Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home -
to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home -
we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.

*HYMN NO. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise" | LEONI

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Herbst-Kim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages,
as we remember the saints who have gone before us,
we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example.
Though they have marked well the path of faith,
following in that way is hard for us.
We drift and waver.
We resist and rebel.

Remind us that saints before us were not perfect,
just forgiven and saved by grace.
We ask for that forgiveness,
and we pray for the courage to trust in that grace.

**For those who are able, please stand.*



49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

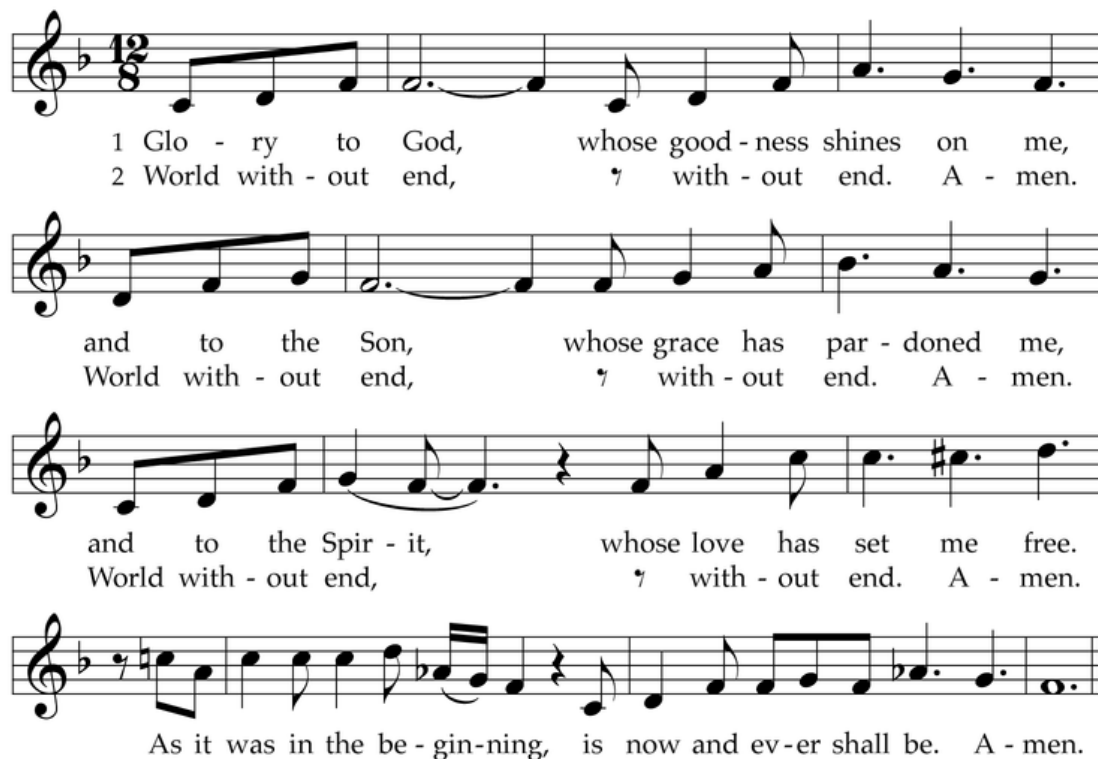
Friends, the hope to which we are called is the glorious inheritance of all the saints,

the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe.

This is the good news - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

*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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*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)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Church School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**For those who are able, please stand.*



FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 90 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933); John Wright & Doug Johnson, Cantors*



Lord, in you do I trust. You are the strength of my life.

SECOND LESSON | TORAH

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 (p. 191-192)

SERMON

"There Was None Like Them" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*RESPONSE OF PRAYER

from the *Mishkan T'filah*

There are stars up above,

**so far away we only see their light
long, long after the star itself is gone.**

And so it is with people that we loved -

**their memories keep shining ever-brightly
though their time with us is done.**

**But the stars that light up the darkest night,
these are the lights that guide us.**

As we live our days, these are the ways we remember.

ANTHEM

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken?" | *Trad. Appalachian, arr. J. David Moore (b. 1962); Chancel Choir*

Refrain: Will the circle be unbroken, by and by, Lord, by and by,
There's a better home awaitin' if we try, Lord, if we try.

I was singing with my sisters/brothers, I was singing with my friends,
And we all can sing together, 'cause the circle never ends. Refrain

I was born down in the valley where the sun refuse' to shine
But I'm climbing up to the high land, gonna' make that mountain mine! Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**For those who are able, please stand.*



OFFERING

(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Harry Burleigh (1866-1949); Benjamin Plunkett, Tenor*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *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!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 326

"For All the Saints" | *SINE NOMINE*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Lord bless you
and lay loving hands upon you.

**May we be strengthened
to continue to walk in the faith
that others have passed on to us.**

United as one body in Christ, our Lord,
turn your minds and hearts toward each other in love
so that you may rest in God's eternal love.

**Let us be at peace with those who have gone before us,
and at peace with those around us,
and trusting in God's peace for those yet to come.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" | *Peter Lutkin (1858-1931); Chancel Choir*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;
and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

**For those who are able, please stand.*



For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

IN WORSHIP

The Chancel Choir's anthem following the sermon, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," is a traditional Appalachian text and tune. It was first recorded by the Carter Family in 1935 and reached a wider audience in 1972 when it was released on the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band's seventh album, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken." Set for a cappella chorus by J. David Moore, it opens with a solo improvised refrain. The piece then builds into a four-part gospel celebration. We offer the piece today as a reminder of community with those around us and those who have gone before us. Based in Minneapolis, composer J. David Moore (born 1962) has written and arranged music for worship, dance, and the stage, including spirituals, barbershop quartets, Celtic mouth music, Civil Rights marching songs, 16th-century madrigals, folk music from around the world, percussion ensembles, string quartet, and tuned wine glasses.

Benjamin Plunkett, Tenor, sings this morning's Offertory, the African-American spiritual "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me". The song affirms the singer's relationship with the Lord, who has blessed them with the laying on of hands.

The prayer following today's sermon comes from the Reformed Jewish prayer book *Mishan T'filah*, Hebrew for "dwelling place for prayer."

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To the Saints of Northminster

Even before I begin individual thank you notes, I want you all to know how very much the October 22 "Carol-bration" meant, and will continue to mean, to me. From the gorgeous flowers ... to the special sermon ... to the tear-inducing descant on "God of Grace and God of Glory" ... to the bountiful tables of delicious food ... to the words I was convinced were referring to someone else ... to the thoughtful cards and generous gift ... memories of Sunday, October 22, will keep me wrapped in love for a long, long time!

Thank you seems almost inadequate - yet it comes from the bottom of my heart -- thank you!

Carol McDonald

Pastoral Care Reminder

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or has an upcoming procedure and would like a pastoral call or visit, please let the church know by contacting the office at (317) 251-9489

**For those who are able, please stand.*



Events and Announcements

Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Today | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the final Sunday of the month after church to discuss their court experiences. Contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Programming | Nov. 1 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for our weekly Wednesday night dinner and the next installment of the "Christianity for Adults" class led by Don Knebel. The next topic in the series is, "What Does the Bible Say about Wealth and Poverty, Really?"



Spirit & Place: Byakula | Nov. 5 | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

RSVP for the "Byakula: Nourishing Others from the Congo to Indy" event by using the QR code to the right! Also, our own Mary Beth Riner will also lead the "Quiet as a Gateway" event on November 11 from 3-5 pm at Indianapolis First Friends.



Northminster Presents: Carol McDonald | Nov. 8 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

As part of Northminster's "Fireside Chat" series with Northminster Presents, we welcome Rev. Carol McDonald to reflect and discuss her ministry with NPC. Facilitated by Jen Dzwonar, it promises to be a beautiful and enlightening evening.



Congregational Meeting | Nov. 12 | 11:15 am

Don't forget to stay following worship for a congregational meeting to approve the slate of church officers (elders, deacons, and members of the foundation board) from the nominating committee.

Karen Herbst-Kim Installation Service | Nov. 12 | 4:00 pm

Save the date for Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 pm for the installation of Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim as associate pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church! More information will be provided soon.

New Member Class | Nov. 21

Northminster Session will host a new member class for those curious about church membership! If you'd like to join us for dinner and conversation, please let Rev. Brian Shivers or Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim know or contact the office Monday-Thursday.

Clothe-A-Child 2023 | Dec. 7 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Join us on December 7th in the Gathering Space for coffee and doughnuts before we carpool to the Glendale Target to shop for children in need. Each child is in need of a shopper and no experience is needed. Learn more and register using the QR code!



Pokagon 2024 | Jan. 19 & 20

Pack your hats, gloves, and toboggan racing pants and spend the weekend with your church friends and family at the charming Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park. Registrations are due November 19th and space is limited!



All events can be found on our website at northminster.church/events



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Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.


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