



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost | October 27, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Bourrée" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Amy Rice-Young

INTROIT

"I Will Exalt Thee" | Christopher Tye

I will exalt thee, O Lord. For thou hast defended me,
and not suffer'd mine enemies to have their pleasure upon me.
O Lord my God, I have cried unto thee and thou hast healed me.
Lord, thou hast brought my soul out of hell.
Thou hast preserved me from them that descend into the pit.

Sing unto the Lord ye that are his saints,
and give thanks with a remembrance of his holiness.
The Lord hath heard me and hath taken mercy upon me.
The Lord is made my helper.
Thou hast turned my sorrow into joy.
Thou hast put off my sackcloth and hast compassed me with gladness,
that my glory may sing to thee without grief.
O Lord my God, I shall evermore give thanks to thee.

(Psalm 30: 1 - 4, 11 - 13)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord,
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt God's name together!

*For those who are able, please stand.



*HYMN

"Lord, I Bring My Songs to You" | LUX PRIMA



1 LORD, I bring my songs to you, ev - ery day de - clar-ing praise.
2 I sought God, he an-swered me; he de - liv-ered me from fear.
3 Taste and see that God is good, shel-tering all who love his name.
4 Come, my chil-dren, hear me speak. This is how to fear the LORD:

All the meek shall hear my words al - ways tell - ing of your ways.
Look to him; your face will shine, free from shame and from de - spair.
Fear the LORD and heed his word; those who fear him know no shame.
If good days you would en - joy, keep your tongue from ly - ing words.

Join with me your heart and voice, praise the LORD, in him re - joice.
Lo, the an - gel of our God camps near those who fear the LORD.
Li - on's young from hun-ger cry; God his own will sat - is - fy.
Turn from e - vil, do the good, seek the peace that comes from God.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
Heal us of our blindness, O Lord,
for it is a blindness we have chosen.
We close our eyes when faced
with the suffering of the world,
turn our gaze away
from the needs of our neighbors,
and blur our faces in the mirror,
lest we recognize your image.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.
Heal us of our blindness,
and open our eyes to the beauty of your grace.

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



*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God,
the Lord hears, forgives and saves.

**Therefore let us embrace ourselves and each other
with Christ's peace.**

Let us walk humbly before God.

*RESPONSE

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" | *GOODNESS IS STRONGER*



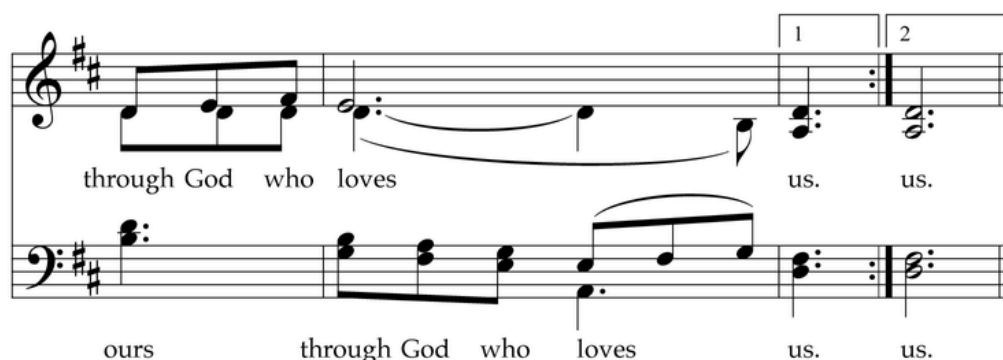
Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.



Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is



through God who loves us. us.
ours through God who loves us. us.

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



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

ANTHEM

"Large e spiritoso" (from Concerto for Two Flutes in A minor) | Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1742),
arr. Shaul Ben-Meir

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 34 | LAND OF REST, arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1923)



SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 10: 46-52 (p. 47)

SERMON

"On the Way" | Brian Shivers

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SOLO

"Come, All Who Love My Lord and Master" | *REDEEMING GRACE*, arr. K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

Come all, who love my Lord and master,
And like old David, I will tell,
Though chief of sinners, I've found favor,
Redeemed by grace from death and hell.
Far as the east from west is parted,
So far my sins by his dying love,
From me by faith are separated,
Blest antepast of joys above.

I late estranged from Jesus wandered,
And thought each dangerous poison good,
But he in mercy long pursued me,
With cries of his redeeming blood.
Though like Bartimeus I was blinded,
In nature's darkest night concealed,
But Jesus' love removed my blindness,
And he his pardoning grace revealed.

Now I will serve him while he spares me,
And with his people sing aloud;
Though hell oppose and sinners mock me,
In rap'trous songs I'll praise my God.
By faith I view the heav'nly concert,
They sing high strains of Jesus' love;
I fain would be with Christ above.
Oh, with desire my soul is longing,
And fain would be with Christ above.

OFFERING

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

*PROCESSIONAL OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

*OFFERTORY

Hymn No. 700: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" | *I'M GONNA LIVE*

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



700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)

(my Lord,)

(an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)
 (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

***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!

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

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.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN NO. 644**

"Give Thanks, O Christian People" | *ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Beloved,
may the healing love of Christ,
the wisdom of God,
and the strengthening power of the Spirit
be with you this day and always.

Let us go in peace and walk humbly in the world.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Silver Celebration" | *Catherine McMichael (b. 1954)*

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



Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day
 2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years
 3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,
 4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way
 who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap-pears,
 who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word:
 with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,
 to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal-tering feet,
 to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit-ness with each deed,
 to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed.
 to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet.
 to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed.
 to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's Introit, "I will exalt thee, O Lord," was composed by the British Renaissance composer Christopher Tye (c. 1500-1573). Based on verses from Psalm 30, each phrase of text is set with its own musical setting, then the piece moves on to the next phrase of text. The first half of the piece comes to a halt at "thou hast preserved me from them that descend into the pit" and then picks up in a joyous manner with the next phrase: "Sing unto the Lord ye that are his saints." A native of East Anglia, Tye graduated from Cambridge University in 1537 and later served as Organist/Music Director of Ely Cathedral. A contemporary of Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585), Tye composed choral and instrumental music. His sparing use of imitation and the general absence of soloist passages gives his music a tighter cohesiveness than that of the previous generation of Renaissance composers.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Indy Winds Flute Choir (*Laura Recendez, Director*)
Northminster Chamber Ensemble
Elisabeth Kleinsmith & Doug Shafer-Johnson | *Cantors*
Benjamin Plunkett | *Tenor*
Krista Wright | *Piano*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bryan Fisher
Kathryn Fisher
Melynda Frazer
Mary Holtgrave
Albert Ma
Stephanie Meade
Julie Stark

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Events and Announcements

Northminster Trunk or Treat | Today | 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us for Trunk or Treat in the south parking lot today! Car set-up will begin at 4:00 for folks that register using the QR code. General parking will be in the north lot and this event is free to all!



Northminster Presents: Andrew Whitehead | Oct. 30th | 6:00 pm

Associate Professor of Sociology at IU-Indy and author of "American Idolatry", Andrew Whitehead's research on Christian Nationalism has been featured in the NY Times, NPR, and the Washington Post. Learn more by scanning the QR code!



"Bless This Mess" Swap Meet | Nov. 2nd | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bring gently used items to trade, mingle, and enjoy fall treats with our church and neighbors. Help us plan space by registering before October 30th, and please check the list of allowed items. Unclaimed goods will be donated to local shelters. All are welcome!



Carol McDonald Book Discussion | Nov. 6th & 13th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our own Rev. Carol McDonald will lead two discussions of the book: "Preparing for War: The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism - and What Comes Next" by Bradley Onishi. Even if you don't read the book, feel free to join us!

Youth Group Fall Family Night | Nov. 10th | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Register by Nov. 1st! We'll have Fall Family Night for youth-group-aged students and their families (parents, grandparents, other grownups, siblings, etc.) at Top Golf! Family night is completely free to attend and includes two hours of golf and dinner.



Sound & Spirit: John Doyle & Mick McAuley | Nov. 15th | 7:00 pm

Guitarist and singer-songwriter John Doyle is joined by Mick McAuley as they perform traditional Irish reels, jigs, and ballads. Former and current members of the super group Solas, they have collaborated with Liz Carroll, Tim O'Brien, Joan Baez, and others.



Umoja Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner | Nov. 17th | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join the Umoja Partnership for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner! Enjoy a memorable evening with food, friends, and an online auction featuring art, jewelry, travel packages, and more. Tickets are \$50 and available through the QR code or our website.



Pokagon 2025 | Jan. 24th - 26th

Registration is open for our annual Pokagon retreat! Reserve your room for a relaxing weekend of fun and fellowship. Various rooms and bed sizes are available so be sure to reserve yours today. Learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting our website.



Northminster Community Yoga Weekly Classes

Did you know Northminster hosts six yoga classes a week in our beautiful wellness space, room 210? Classes are available for all skills levels. Scan the QR on the right for more information and see Krista Wright for a free class card!



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Coordinator*

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Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

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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