





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 4, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

CENTERING THOUGHT

We are all one family



نحن جميعاً عائلة واحدة

Nous sommes tous une famille

Wir sind alle eine Familie

Είμαστε όλοι μία οικογένεια

כולנו משפחה אחת

Svi smo jedna familija

Somos todos una familia

(English)

(American Sign Language)

(Arabic)

(French)

(German)

(Greek)

(Hebrew)

(Serbian)

(Spanish)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"A Meditation on 'Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether'" | UNION SEMINARY

arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

* 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.
Let us worship the God who holds the world in their hands.

* HYMN NO. 529

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" | UNION SEMINARY



Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

* **LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" | *AUSTRIAN HYMN*

Creator God, we give you thanks for calling us as stewards.
Open our eyes to the intricacies of creation.
Help us feel the textures of the world.
Unstop our ears that we may hear your Word.
Breathe into us the sweet aromas of life,
that we may taste the fruits of your promise even now.

Even now, O God, in Africa.

Africa. Where your church grows rapidly.
Where faith is exuberant.
Where a bright mosaic of culture shows the world the vibrancy of your love.

But where there is also pain, famine, and thirst.

**Where violent unrest and ethnic strife fill so many lives
and resist the unity our Savior brings.**

Help us to be the gospel, even now.

Even now, O God, in Asia.

Asia. So vast, so deeply rooted in tradition.
Where your church is small, but where religion is great.

God of wisdom, teach us respect.

Help us to learn from those who express their faith in different ways.

Deepen our understanding of tradition, serenity, and prayer.

Help us to be the gospel, even now.

Even now, O God, in the Middle East.

The Middle East. The cradle of the church;
the birthplace of our Lord; the land we call holy.
Where the pain of the cross is so vivid;
where the dry earth is watered by the tears of its children.

Show us again that we cannot feed the hungry with threats.

We cannot quench thirst with religious intolerance.

We cannot build for the future on sands of hate.

Show us your grace, even now.

Even now, O God, in Europe.

Europe and its complex Christian heritage.
Where art, music, and architecture inspire generation upon generation with the
beauty and the majesty of your gospel message.

**But where there is poverty and violence, displacing whole communities
into a desperate present and an uncertain future.**

Point us toward the pathway of peace.

Answer Jesus' prayer that all may be one in him, even now.

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Even now, O God, in Latin America.

Latin America. Where your church struggles valiantly for the weak and the poor.
Where there are bounties of creation, so misused by outsiders.
Where we have made mistakes in your name
and brought a gospel soiled with our greed.

Kindle within our hearts our own integrity of faith.

Help us commit to peace and justice.

Show us your grace right here, right now.

Even here, O God, in North America.

North America. Where so much affluence hides so much poverty and disease.
Help us share your grace in Word and deed.
Help us to put ourselves in others' shoes and to share our blessings.

Here, O God, and throughout all the earth, we trust in your abiding care.

We pledge ourselves to a deepened commitment in your name. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Kwake Yesu Nasimama" | Trad. Kenyan, arr. Greg Scheer

Refrain (Translation)

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

There's no other place I can hide
till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood,
and I'm saved because of his blood. *(Refrain)*

It is not the work of my hands
that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. *(Refrain)*

When my days on this earth are done,
and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear;
in Christ's righteousness I am here. *(Refrain)*



* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rescuing God,
you brought us out of the land of captivity,
out of the house of slavery.

Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery,
making divine the machine of production,
crafting idols from the excess of consumption.

Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand
that we do not rest and enjoy your presence,
defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love.

Forgive us when we deem our species so central
that we do not rest and halt consumption,
decimating Earth,
denying her Sabbath and integrity.

Forgive us through Christ,
who redeems us from the brokenness of captivity
that we might enjoy your presence, creation,
and community. Amen.

* **WORD OF GRACE**

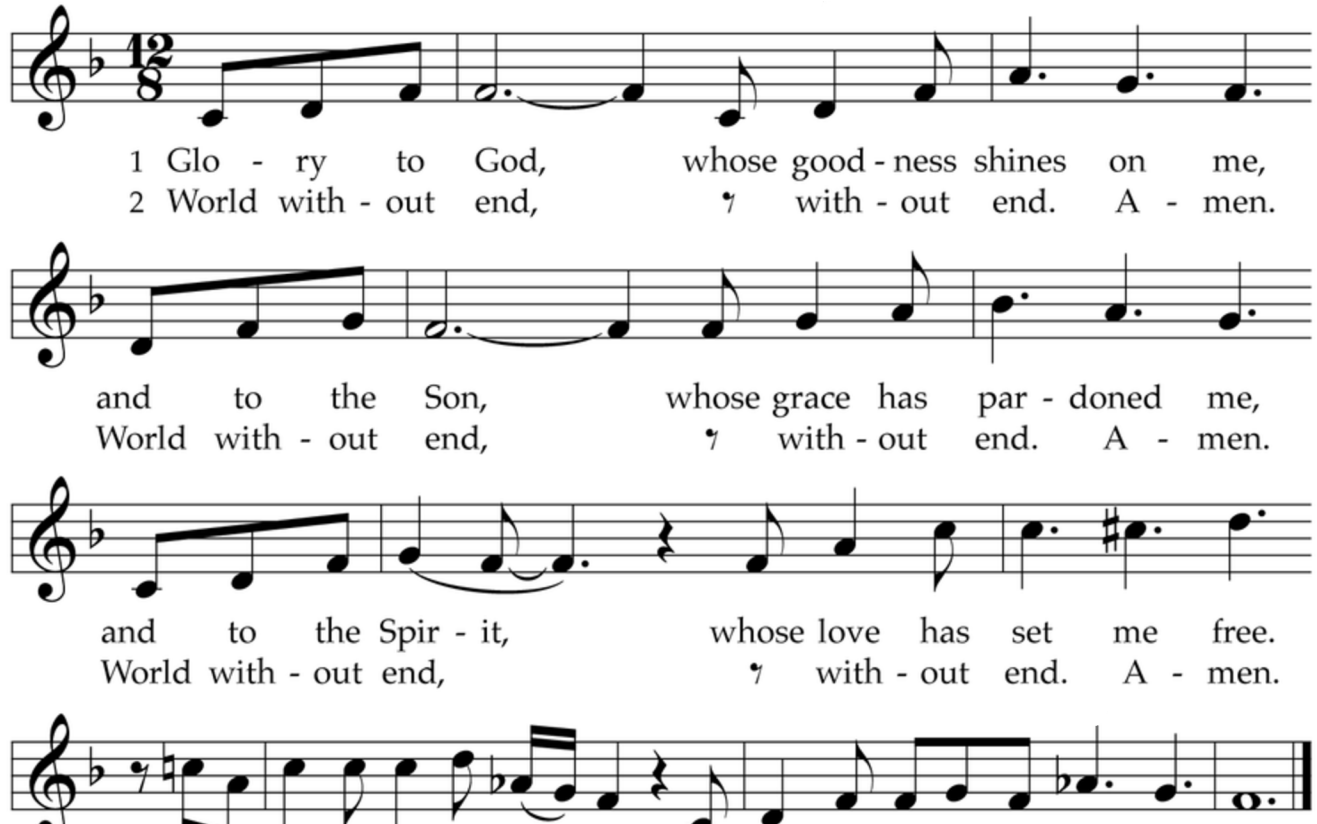
Friends, the power of God has saved us.

Grace is given to us in Christ Jesus,
who brought life and immortality to light.

Know that we are forgiven
and freed to try again!

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

Paul Vassile



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

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

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 19 | OT p. 498-499

SECOND LESSON | TORAH

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-11 | OT p. 66, Spark Bible p. 94

SERMON

"Words to Live By" | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause,
with one hope,
which is the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of Christ,
forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"The Meditations of My Heart" | Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.
O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength,
O Lord my God and Redeemer.

(Psalm 19: 14)

* 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!

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

HYMN NO. 505 *(Stanza 1)*

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" | THE FEAST IS READY



The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing 505



1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,



and - sus - comes you in - side.

Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Curt Oliver

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Curt Oliver

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. —

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;

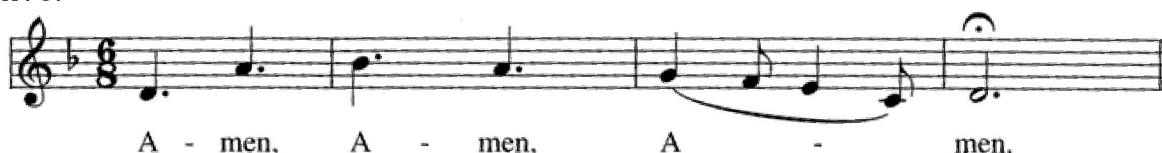
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.



AMEN

Curt Oliver



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" | African-American spiritual,
arr. Moses Hogan

HYMN NO. 505 (Stanzas 2-3)

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" | *THE FEAST IS READY*

* THANKSGIVING AFTER THE MEAL

We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table
and the living presence of Christ among us.
We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast.
We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses,
here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations.
Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world -
renewed, invigorated, and committed -
so that, nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit
to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. 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

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN (Next Page)

"O God, By Your Mercy, We Come to This Place" | *ST. DENIO*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE



The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing 505



2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap-plaud



he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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"O God, By Your Mercy, We Come to This Place"

1. O God, by your mer - cy we come to this place.
2. O Christ, we're not stran - gers or en - e - mies here.
3. Lord, we look a - round and see hate ev - ery - where.
4. Through mis - sions and meet - ings where jus - tice is shown,
5. O Spi - rit, we pray that you'll move through the church,

We feast at your ta - ble on gifts of your grace.
For we're at your ta - ble, and you've made it clear:
Yet, you've shown us grace! It's a gift we're to share.
through co - ops where farm - ers learn they're not a - lone,
till peace, love and u - ni - ty cov - er the earth.

We taste your for - give - ness, then learn what to do:
We all are God's chil - dren, and blessed from a - bove,
May we share this grace till your bless - ings in - crease
through YAVs who are will - ing to try some - thing new,
O God, bless these gifts with your grace from a - bove,

"Do jus - tice, love kind - ness, walk hum - bly" with you.
we're glo - bal, con - nect - ed, and shaped by your love.
through jus - tice and di - a - logue, kind - ness and peace.
God, make us good part - ners in work - ing with you.
till oth - ers find joy in the feast of your love.

IN WORSHIP

The communion hymn No. 529 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” is used twice today - as the prelude and as the opening hymn. The hymn text, written by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), is a celebration of Christ’s presence among those who are tethered by the Spirit at the Lord’s table and who pray that as disciples we may make our meals and living “as sacraments” by “caring, helping, and giving.” Dearmer was educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Oxford. He served as a Red Cross chaplain in Serbia during World War I. After the war, he became a professor of ecclesiastical art at King’s College, London, and later served as canon of Westminster. The prelude setting, “Meditation on ‘Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether,’” was composed by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012). A native of Lubbock, Texas, Hancock was a gifted artist, teacher, organist, and composer, considered to be one of the most respected composers of 21st-century organ repertoire. At the time of his death, he was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at The University of Texas at Austin, where he taught along with his wife of fifty years, Dr. Judith Hancock. Prior to this appointment in 2004, he held the position of Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City. Previous to his time at Saint Thomas, he held positions as Organist and Choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati, where he also served on the Artist Faculty of the College-Conservatory of Music and the University of Cincinnati.

During communion, we sing British hymnwriter Graham Kendrick’s Hymn No. 505 “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing.” By singing the hymn, we revel in the feast God provides – with “trumpets, thankful song, welcome, lavish good things, love and light, and water turned into wine.” The Refrain’s use of syncopation and alternating triplets and duplets adds to the celebratory feel.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Chancel Choir
Monica Brase | *Liturgist*
Katie Ray | *Soprano*
Krista Wright | *Piano*

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Events and Announcements

Adult Ed: Brain-Healthy Habits | October 7 | 6:00 pm

Join Denise Harrington for a presentation exploring the latest research and how building brain-healthy habits can help you live well now while supporting your memory and thinking for the future!



Kim Allen Yoga Workshops | October 9 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

These two-hour intensives focus on a different subject matter each month. October's workshop, "Rest and Digest/Stress Management" is open for registration! Scan the QR code to learn more and register.



All-Congregation Art Show | Now Through October 11

It takes curiosity and courage to create and we want to celebrate it! Join our community for an All-Congregation Art Show, hosted by the NPC Fine Arts Committee. Pieces will be displayed in The Gathering Place through 10/11.

"Arts for Learning" Art Supplies | Now Through October 15

Circle 3 is collecting art supplies (new/partial/gently used) for "Arts for Learning Indiana's" Free Art Studios! Markers, crayons, paints, sketchbooks, and more can be donated to the plastic bin in The Gathering Place.

Habitat for Humanity Multifaith Panel Build | October 17

The 2026 Multi-faith Panel Build is back at Second Presbyterian Church! Northminster has 4 reserved spots for both shifts (8:30 - 11:30 am & 10:30 am - 1:30 pm). Sign up today using the QR code!



Stepping On: Fall Prevention | Starting October 19 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This powerful, evidence-based program has been proven to reduce falls by 31% among older adults. Sign up today for seven consecutive weeks of 2-hour sessions to complete the program! Learn more and register today.



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat | October 24 | 12:30 - 3:00 pm

All are invited! Join us for food, pumpkin painting, crafts, lawn games, and trunk or treating. Volunteers are also needed for car decoration and grill duty! Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.



Yoga for Personal Transformation | Early Bird Ends Nov. 1

This 200-hour training & RYT certification with Yoga Alliance will begin on January 11th but Early Bird pricing ends on November 1st, saving you \$400! Scan the QR code to learn more and contact Krista Wright to register.





2027 Annual Appeal

Your Light Shines

Thank you for all the ways Your Light Shines, Northminster!

As *Your Light Shines* (our 2027 Annual Appeal campaign) begins, you are invited to participate and contribute in whatever ways you can. Discover how you can submit your pledge by scanning the QR code below!



YOUR LIGHT SHINES

Through our commitments,
our light shines
farther and brighter in 2027



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Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.

The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.

Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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