



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent | February 26, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" | *African-American spiritual arr. Hal Hopson.
(b. 1933); Chancel Choir*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

For forty days and forty nights,
led by the Spirit, Christ fasted in the wilderness.

People of God, on this wilderness journey,
what will you eat?

The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

People of God, in this time of temptation,
how will you live?

Our faith is the faithfulness of God.

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad,
whom will you serve?

We worship the Lord our God alone.

For forty days and forty nights,
**we prepare ourselves to meet
the crucified and risen Christ.**

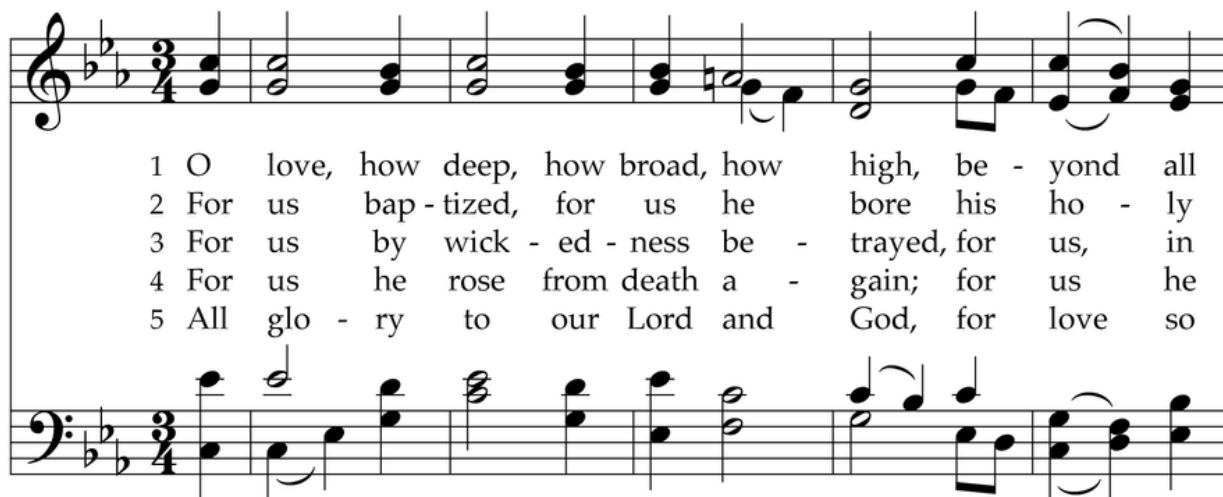
*HYMN NO. 618

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" | *DEO GRACIAS*

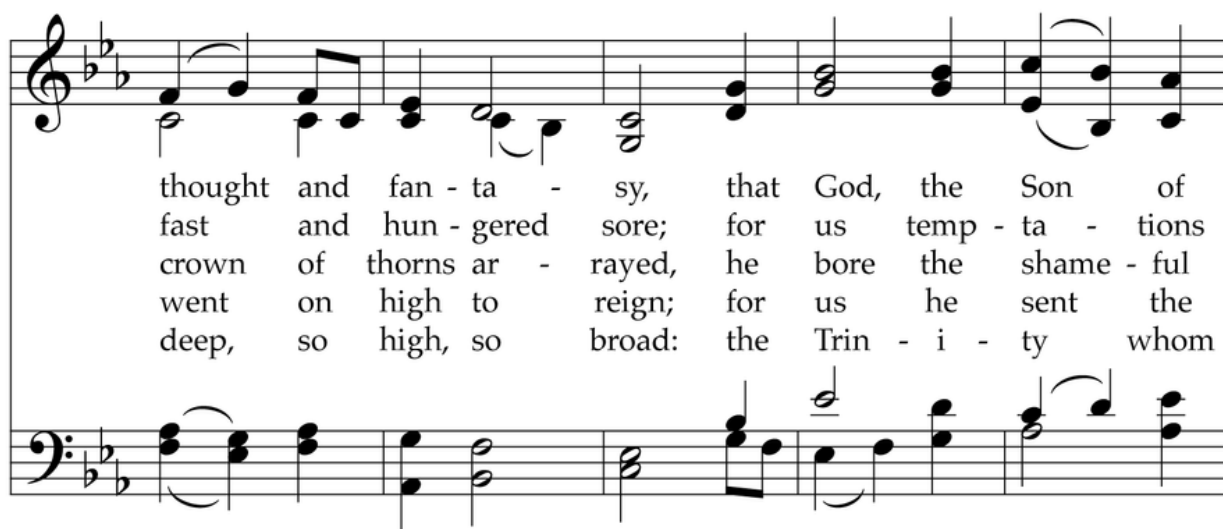
**For those who are able, please stand.*



O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol McDonald

Merciful and loving God,
you know the ways of good and evil.
You know the things that tempt us
and the things that give us life.
You know our nakedness, and you know our sin.
We confess that we have disobeyed your word,
denying your providence and care and
relying on our own cleverness.

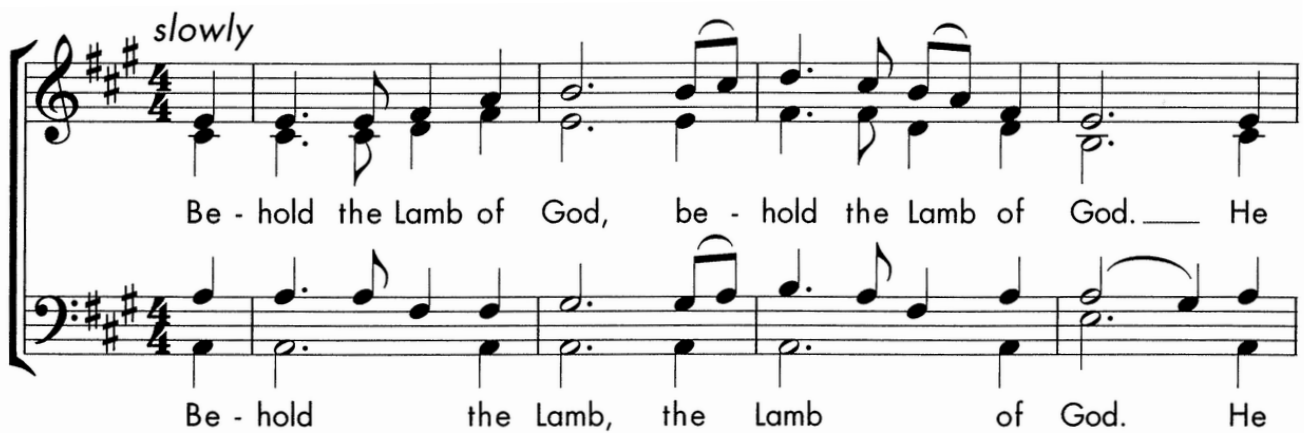
Have mercy on us, we pray -
cover us with your grace,
feed us with the bread of life,
and re-create us in your image;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*BEHOLD LAMB OF GOD


John Bell

slowly



Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the Lamb of God. — He

Be - hold the Lamb, the Lamb of God. He



takes a - way the sin, the sin of the world. —

takes a - way the sin of the world.



*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven!
Let us be glad in the Lord and shout for joy,
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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 PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

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

"Living Word of God Eternal" | KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS; Chancel Choir

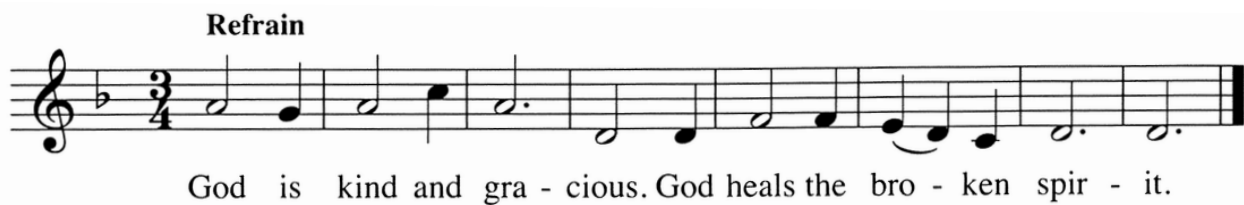
Living word of God eternal, laying claim to every age,
Jesu, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible's page.
Let your gospel, heard and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 (p. 2) (Spark Bible p. 8; 14)

PSALM 32: 1-7

Hal Hopson (b. 1923); Sam Spade & John Wright, Cantors



SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4: 1-11 (p. 3)

SERMON

"In the Wilderness" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 783

"When We Are Tested" | ANGELS OF HEAVEN



When We Are Tested

783



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

HYMN NO. 226

"There in God's Garden" | *SHADES MOUNTAIN*

(Choir sings stanzas 1-4; all sing stanzas 5 and 6)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Creator God, walking in the garden,
breathe life into us.
Tempted God, praying in the desert,
breathe life into us.
Holy God, traveling towards the city,
breathe life into us.
Mysterious God, maker and encourager,
surprise us with angels.
Revealing God, questioner and caller,
surprise us with stories.
Breathing God, dancer and delighter,
surprise us with joy.

POSTLUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus" | *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*



226 There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;
 our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drills of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness; give me all your



pas - sion, tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row; I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending;
 this, my resurrection;
 into your hands,
 Lord, I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heaven is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it; take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning we welcome and appreciate Indianapolis native and jazz legend, Gregg Bacon. A versatile, musician, Mr. Bacon plays saxophone, horn and flute.

The hymn after the sermon, No. 783 “When We Are Tested,” was written in 1996, text by Ruth Duck, music by Carlton Young. There is tension suggested by the ever-higher four melodic phrases and their changing tonalities. Although the phrases resolve on a major chord at the end, the outcome is not obvious during the course of the tune’s development. The hymn text is far from merely adapting Jesus’s temptation story. The use of “when” rather than “if” reflects a recognition that our own times of testing are an integral part of our spiritual life. They are realities, not illusions; and they are not just one-time events, but recurring hazards on our pilgrimage of faith.

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Upcoming Events

Talk Back with the Pastors | Today | 11:15 am

Join us following worship in Calvin Hall to hear from Brian Shivers about his preparation for today's sermon, other concepts and ideas he considered, and more. Come to listen and to ask questions.

Sound & Spirit: Abel Family Quartet | Tonight | 5:00 pm

The Abel Family Quartet is a string quartet based in Indianapolis playing Mozart, Quartet in G Major, K. 387, Schubert's Quartettsatz, and Brahms's Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2. Admission is free!



Wednesday Night Adult Ed Lenten Series | Mar. 1 | 6:00 pm

Join us for a 6-week series on Wednesday nights as we explore the season of Lent and unexpected sacred spaces. Led by Mary Beth Riner, this class will feature an opening chant, silent prayer, and select readings. No class on March 8th.



Northminster Community Yoga | Mar. 5 | 5:30 pm

Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga, select Sundays through December in Calvin Hall. Class is 5:30-6:30 pm in Calvin Hall; \$10 adults, \$5 students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and registration isn't required.



Northminster Presents: Dan Wakefield | Mar. 8 | 6:00 pm

Join us on March 8th at 6:00 pm as we host world-renowned author Dan Wakefield for a discussion on his experience covering the trial of Emmett Till. Admission is free and open to the public and live stream will be available!



Indy Fuel Hockey Night | Apr. 14 | 7:00 pm

Come out and support the Indy Fuel with Northminster for Fan Appreciation night! The first 1,500 in attendance will receive a bobblehead and fans will have the chance to get their hands on prizes throughout the game. Tickets are \$20.



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