



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Lent | March 12, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in A Minor" | *Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637 – 1707); Ted Gibboney Organ*

*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. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | *NETTLETON*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol McDonald

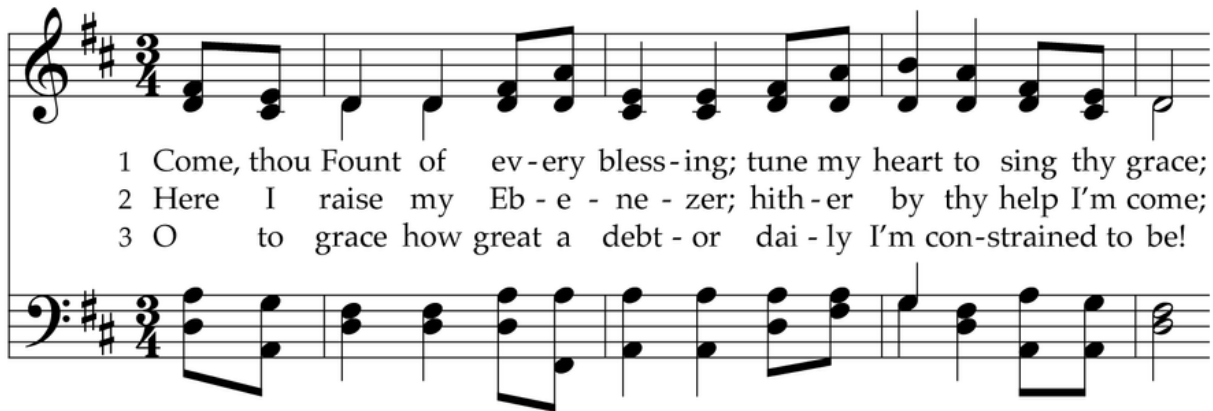
Lord, you know who we are.
You know everything we have done.
We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.
We commit ourselves to things that will never last.
We worship things that will never bring salvation.
Still, you offer us the gift of living water.
Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.

Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water,
so that we may never thirst again.

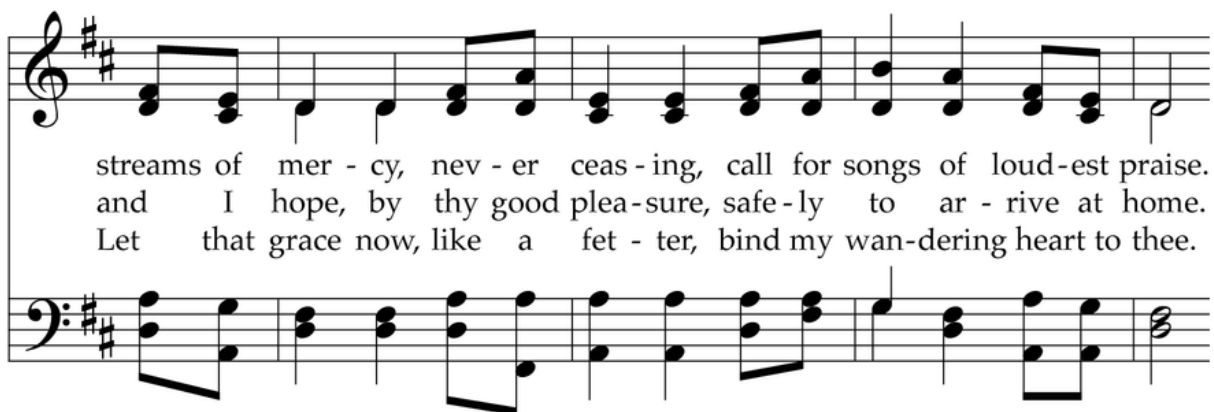
**For those who are able, please stand.*



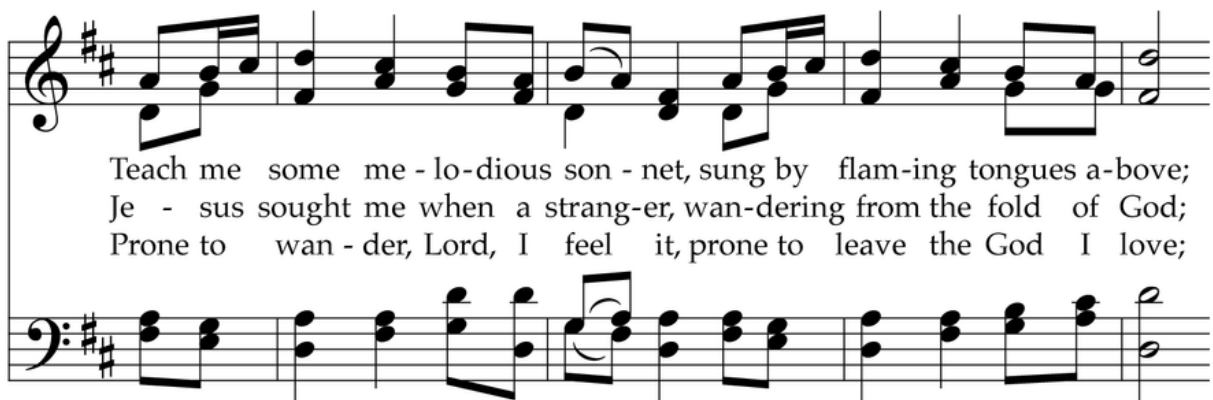
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



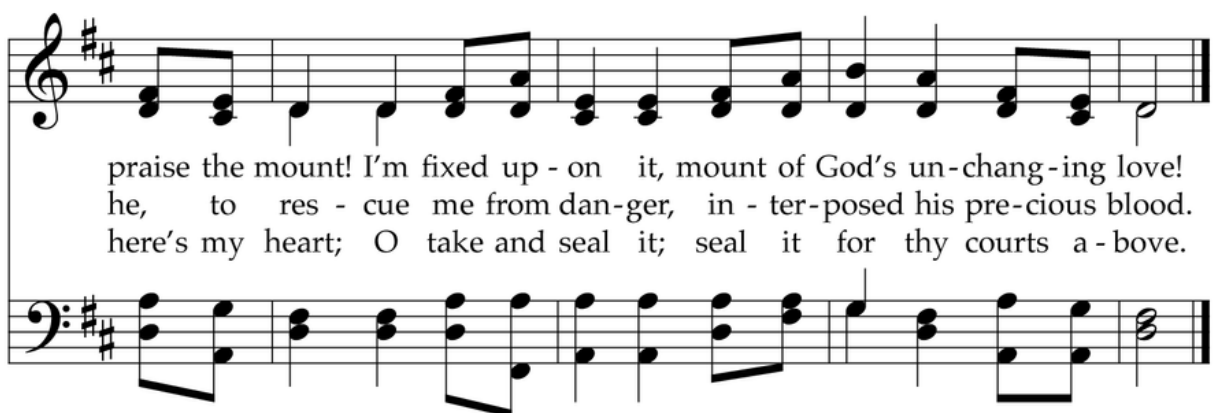
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*BEHOLD THE 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

Friends, it is God who disturbs our complacency and turns our complaints to constructive action.

**Even now, God is at work in our lives,
turning us from self-destruction,
prompting our desire for deeper knowledge,
and leading us to more satisfying involvements.**

Through Jesus Christ, who loves us, who grants us courage to persist,
and who shapes our character, we are forgiven.

Praise be to God, the rock of our salvation!

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

*(During Lent, all offering collected in the Joyful Noise Pail will go toward our One Great Hour of Sharing offering to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.)
Children are dismissed to Church School.*



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Beyond the Beauty and the Awe" | Carl Daw (b. 1944); Chancel Choir

*Beyond the beauty and the awe, beyond the fear and dread,
we long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your transformed bread.*

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7

PSALM 95

Steve Warner; Katie Ray, Cantor



SECOND LESSON

John 4 (Select Verses)

SERMON

"Meeting at the Well" | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"The Thirsty Cry for Water" | NEW BRITAIN



1. The thirst - y cry for wa - ter, Lord; The
2. The cup of wa - ter poured in love The
3. But help us al - so hear the cry Of
4. And come to us, O ris - en Christ, Our

hun - gry plead for bread. And man - y long
pangs of thirst will still. The bread of earth
hun - g'ring, thirst - ing hearts For liv - ing wa -
rest - less souls re - lieve; And sat - is - fy

to rise a - gain Where hope, cast down, lies dead.
you bid us share, The fam - ished child can fill.
ter, bread of life Your grace a - lone im - parts.
our starv - ing hearts That we may rise and live.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

"Surely he hath borne our griefs
And with his stripes we are healed" | George F. Handel (1685-1759); Chancel Choir

*Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised.
The chastisement of our peace was upon him.
And with his stripes we are healed.*

(Isaiah 53: 4 - 5)

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

"Chorale prelude on The Lord's Prayer" | *Dietrich Buxtehude*

*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. 353

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" | *SOLID ROCK*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

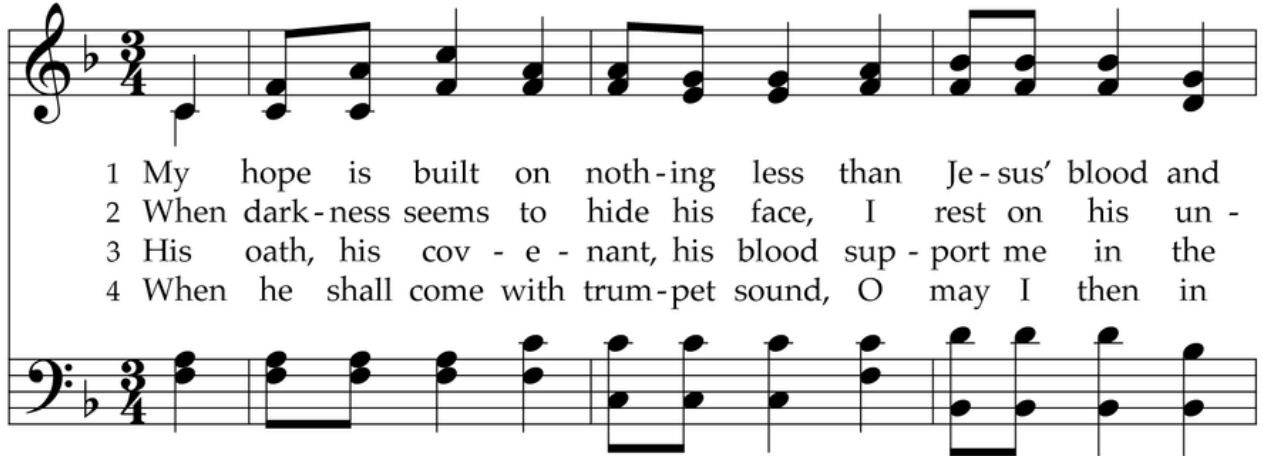
Creator God, walking in the garden,
breathe life into us.
Tempted God, praying in the desert,
breathe life into us.
Holy God, traveling towards the city,
breathe life into us.
Mysterious God, maker and encourager,
surprise us with angels.
Revealing God, questioner and caller,
surprise us with stories.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

POSTLUDE

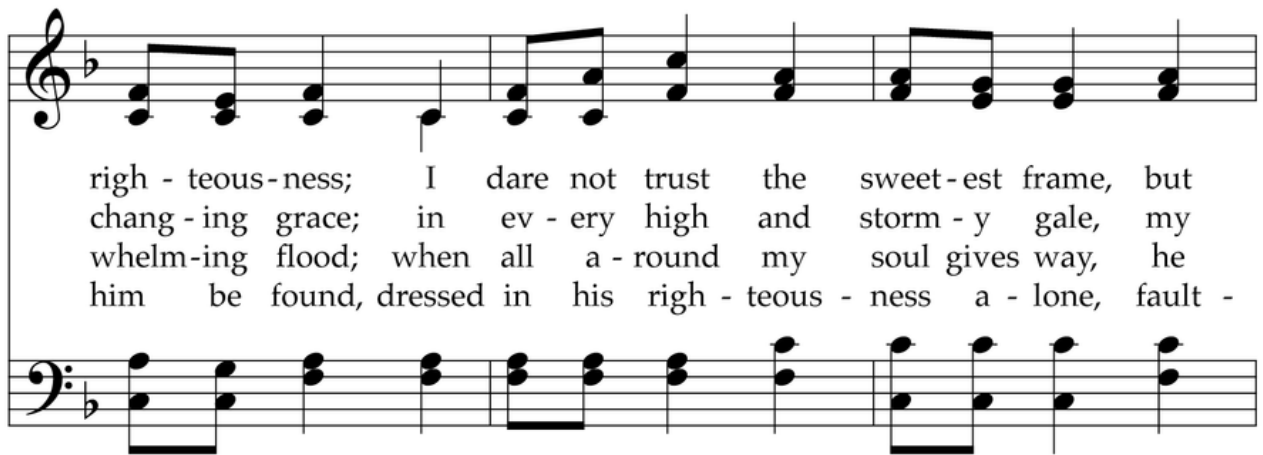
"Fugue in A Minor" | *Dietrich Buxtehude*



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

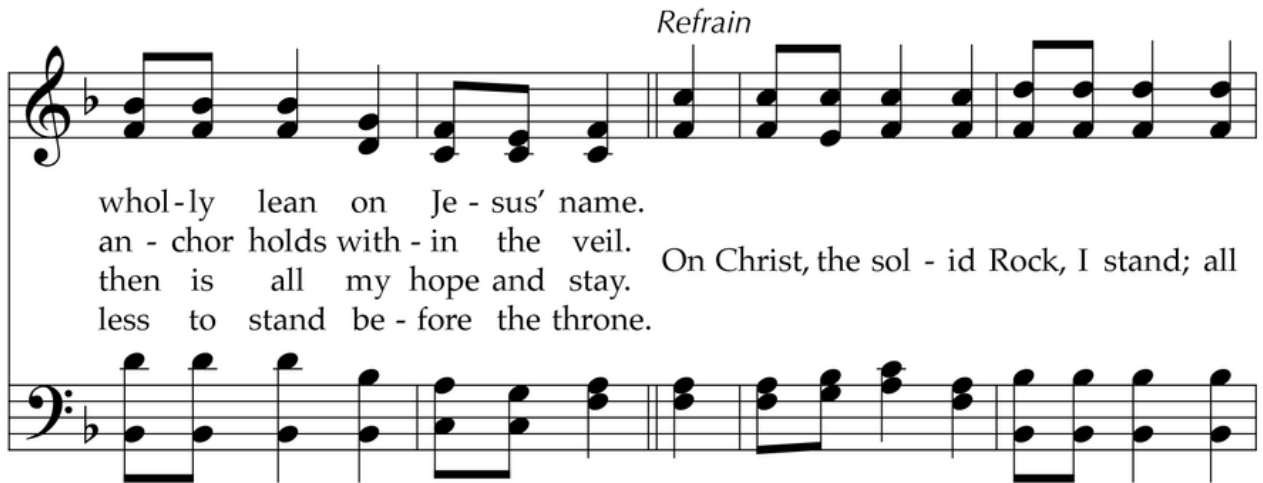


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his right-eous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's opening hymn, No. 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" is one of the great and enduring hymns of the Christian Church. It was supposedly written by the British preacher Robert Robinson, although the original manuscript has not been found. The tune, NETTLETON, is an anonymous American folk tune and is so named because it was attributed to Asahel Nettleton, a 19th century evangelist.

Today's final hymn, No. 353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," was written by the English Baptist pastor Edward Mote. Through all the trials of life, faith built on "the solid rock" gives the believer hope. This metaphor, along with that of "sinking sand," is found in the parable of the wise man who built his house on the rock and the foolish man who built his house on the sand (Matthew, chapter 7). In our service today, the hymn connects with our Old Testament Lesson, Exodus 17: 1 - 7, in which we learn God produces living water from a rock to assuage the Israelites' thirst.

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Upcoming Events

Northminster Reads: The Color of Compromise | Mar. 19 | 5:30 pm

As we Christians continue to understand and confront structural racism, join the conversation via Zoom to reflect together on *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism* by Jemar Tisby.



Sound & Spirit: Messiah and Spirituals | Mar. 26 | 4:00 pm

The Northminster Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists perform Handel's timeless classic oratorio Messiah (part II) and African-American spirituals. Soloists include Alejandra Martinez, Amber McKoy, John Wesley Wright, and Sam Spade.



Northminster Labyrinth | Mar. 20-31

Northminster is borrowing a Labyrinth from our friends at Second Presbyterian for the season of Lent! It will be located in the chapel during normal church hours and will offer time for quiet reflection and prayer.

Thinking of Becoming a Member? | Mar. 21 | 6:00 pm

Join us in Calvin Hall for dinner and conversation about joining our vibrant community of faith! Afterwards, you can meet with the Session to be received into membership. If interested, call or email by Friday, March 17th.

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.



Season of Lent Page | Now through Easter

Our Season of Lent page is live on our website! Stay up-to-date on all events through Easter including concerts, special worship services, and family events. This page will be updated over time with the most current information available!



Wednesday Night Lenten Series | Wednesdays | 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.



Friday & Monday Email List

Want to stay up-to-date on the latest news from the church? Subscribe to our Monday and Friday emails! Our weekly emails are full of news, events, and programs happening around the church and are a great way to stay involved.



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