



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter | April 16, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Carol McDonald

PRELUDE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | James and Rosamond Johnson; Celebration and Peace Choirs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*HYMN NO. 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" | ALLELUIA NO. 1

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Brian Shivers

God, the risen Christ, we experience your presence,
but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.
We look down on those who ask for proof,
we scorn those who scoff at our faith.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts.
Remind us of our own human doubts,
that we might have compassion for all
and freely share your grace.
Guide us back into your presence, that we may know
the fullness of joy.

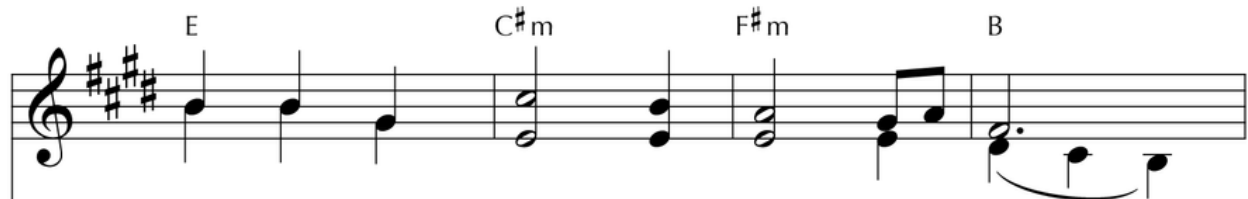
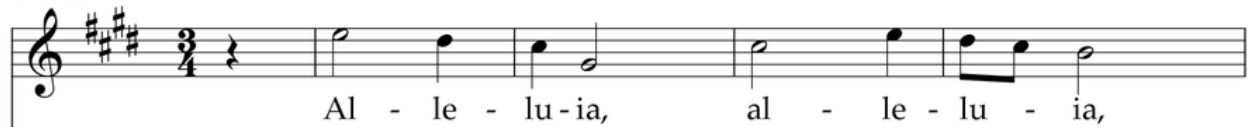
*SILENT CONFESSION

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

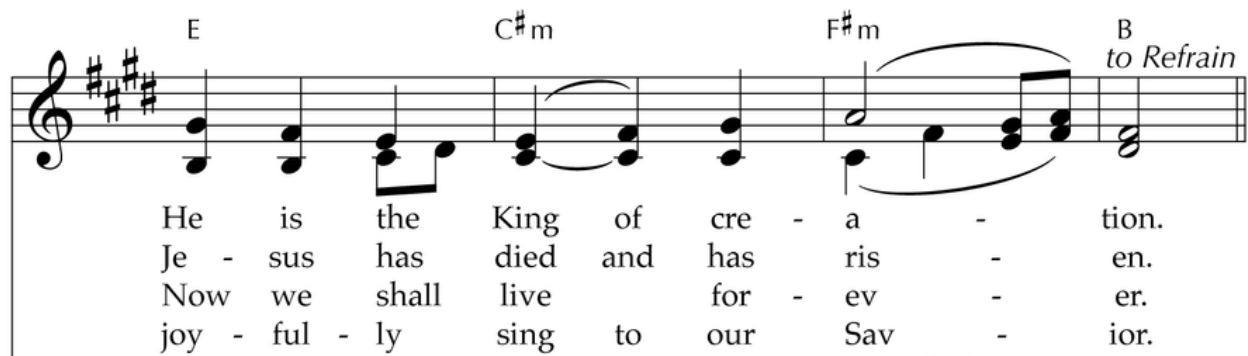


240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant



- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,



*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

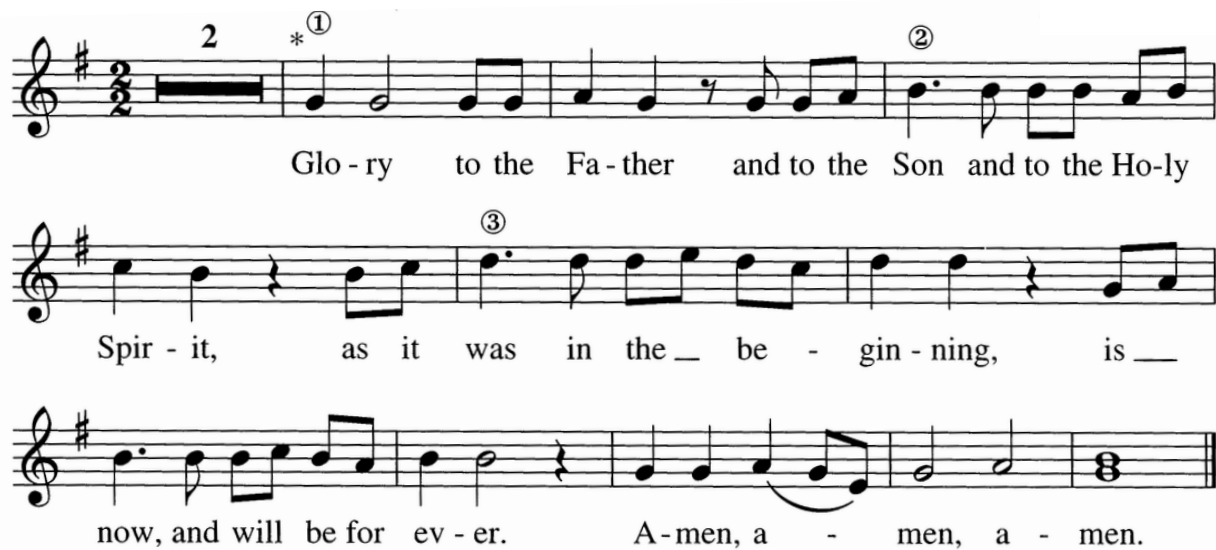
As God raised Jesus, we too are lifted up from death to experience new life.
Let hearts be glad and tongues rejoice,
for God's mercy abounds, and we are assured God is with us.

Friends, we are a forgiven people,
and we are called to forgive others.
Praise God for new beginnings!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

*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

"Mikotoba o kudasai" | Yasushige Imakoma; Chancel Choir

Make a gift of your holy Word, let it pour on my head and
heart like the rain, sovereign and loving God.
Let it fill my life each day, touch my hunger and my thirst,
the deep suffering that I know on life's lonely, wondering way.

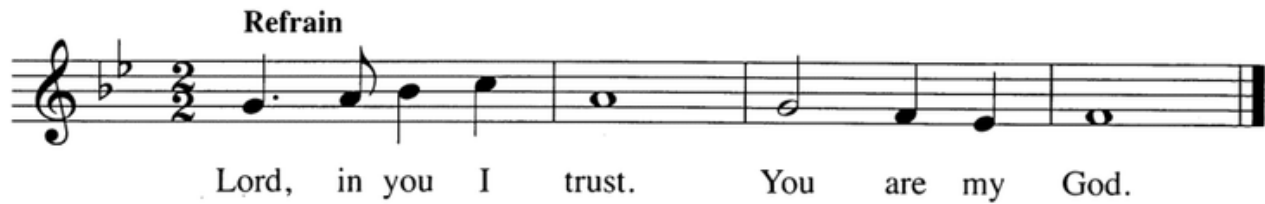


FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 1: 3-9

PSALM 16

arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Morgan Bernat and Jonathan Shinn, Cantors



SECOND LESSON

John 20: 19-31 (Spark Bible p. 492)

SERMON

"The Doubter Speaks" | Carol McDonald

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 255

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" | *O FILII ET FILIAE*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today 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

"I Believe" | Mark Miller; Celebration, Peace, and Chancel Choirs

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

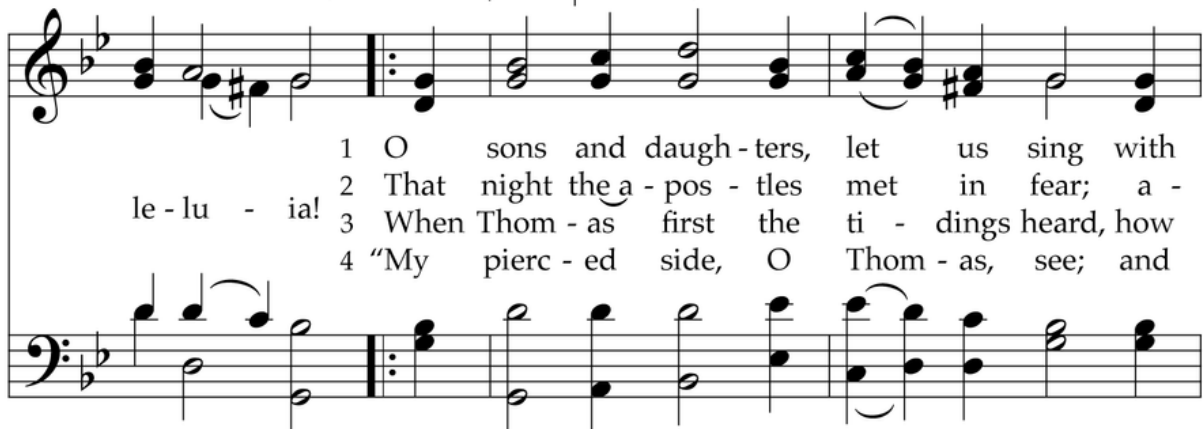
(Anonymous Jewish text, written during the Holocaust)



O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
le - lu - ia!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and



heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -



lost its sting!
with you here."
ci - ples' word.
liev - ing be."
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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. 238**

"Thine is the Glory" | *JUDAS MACCABEUS*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God who loves and resurrects us give you
a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit and new
birth into a living hope.

Let us trust and love the Christ we cannot see.

Let us live the good news.

We depart now, free to love as he has loved.

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" | *Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Especially today, we say thank you to our children's choirs. We appreciate our singers, the parents who support and transport them, and our fabulous directors, Katie Ray and Jordyn Locke. Join us after worship for an ice cream social in the Gathering Place. We teach our children music not because we expect them to be music majors, but so they can become more human, so they will recognize beauty, so they will have something to cling to, and so they will be closer to an Infinite beyond this world.

Peace Choir (3rd - 5th grade)

Mae Dinwiddie
Norah Ellington
Jana Hochbein
Josie Hochbein
Emmett Jasiak
Mears Kincaid
Scout Mann
Ben Ronco
Mary Winkler

Katie Ray, Director

Celebration Choir (K - 2nd grade)

Johnny Walden
Tabby Ellington
James Mann
Quinn Mann
Luciana Higgins
Benneit Kincaid
Bear King

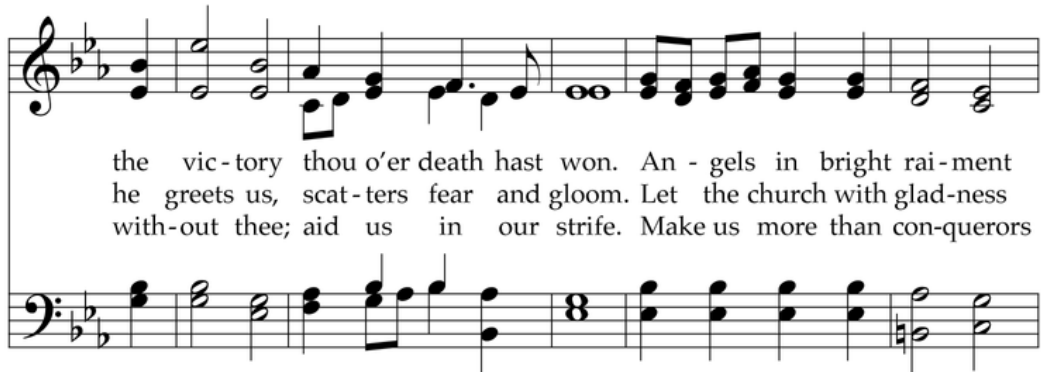
Jordyn Locke, Director

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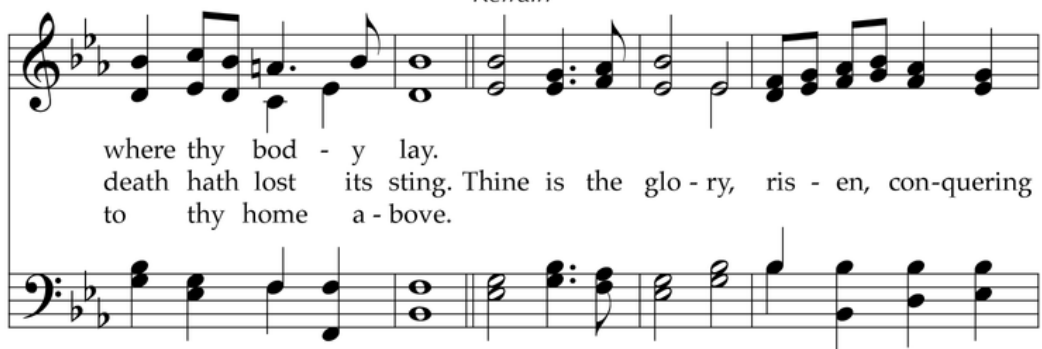
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught



the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain


where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Events and Announcements

More information can be found on our events page at northminster.church/events

Very Local History with Milton O. Thompson | Today | 11:15 am

Join us for a discussion on local history with Milton O. Thompson, whose life has spanned from becoming a First Team All-American in baseball at Wittenberg to serving as general counsel for the Pan-Am Games (including negotiating with Castro).



After Worship Ice Cream Social | Today | 11:15 am

Do you like ice cream? Join us after worship this morning in the Gathering Place for an ice cream social, as we show our appreciation for our choirs and choir parents!

Associate Pastor Candidate Meet & Greet | Apr. 22 | 3:30 pm

Join us in The Gathering Place for a Meet & Greet with the APNC's nominated candidate for the Associate Pastor position, Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim. Enjoy some fellowship, charcuterie, and other treats. No registration is needed!

Congregational Meeting | Apr. 23 | 11:00 am

Following worship on April 23rd, we will have a congregational meeting and vote on the nomination of Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim as Associate Pastor. Please note that voting will only be available in person.

Sound & Spirit: Jonathan William Moyer | Apr. 23 | 4:00 pm

Join us on April 23rd for our season finale with Jonathan William Moyer! Sharing organ repertoire from the Renaissance through the 21st century, Moyer's playing has been described by the Baltimore Sun as "ever-expressive, stylish, and riveting."



Pyoca Youth Service Day | Apr. 29 | 10:00 am

Pyoca Service Day is coming up! Youth group members are invited to sign up for a day of service on the grounds of the Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center. Please contact Nancy Fortenberry with any questions.



Indiana Avenue Walking Tour | Apr. 29 | 10:00 am

Join us for a Walk & Talk Tour of Indiana Avenue and other historic sites related to Indy's African American history. We'll walk about 2 miles over 2 hours, so wear comfortable shoes and enjoy seeing our city through new eyes. Registration is free!



Court Watcher Program | Apr. 30 | 11:15 am

Are you interested in learning more about the eviction court system and becoming a Court Watcher in Indianapolis? Please attend this informational meeting to learn about becoming a Court Watcher. No courtroom experience is necessary.



New Office Hours | Starting Apr. 17

Please note Northminster's new office hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm on Monday through Thursday and the office is now closed on Fridays. If you have any questions, please contact office@northminster-indy.org.

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