



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Third Sunday of Easter | April 23, 2023, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

*Brian Shivers*

#### PRELUDE

"Fanfare" | *William Mathias (1934-1992); Marko Petričić, Organ*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Karen Herbst-Kim*

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus,  
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to his friends.  
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
Today we gather around table, font, and pulpit -  
hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.  
May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.

#### \*HYMN NO. 404

"What Is This Place" | *KOMMT NU MET ZANG*

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Christ, by the power of your Spirit,  
you are present among us.  
Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst.  
We do not realize you are walking beside us,  
for we are rushing to meet the demands of hectic schedules  
and overcrowded lives.  
We do not notice you in everyday encounters, for we are distracted by  
daily labors and consumed by our own concerns.  
We do not recognize you on our streets or at our tables,  
for our expectations are too limited to imagine all the ways  
you dwell among us.

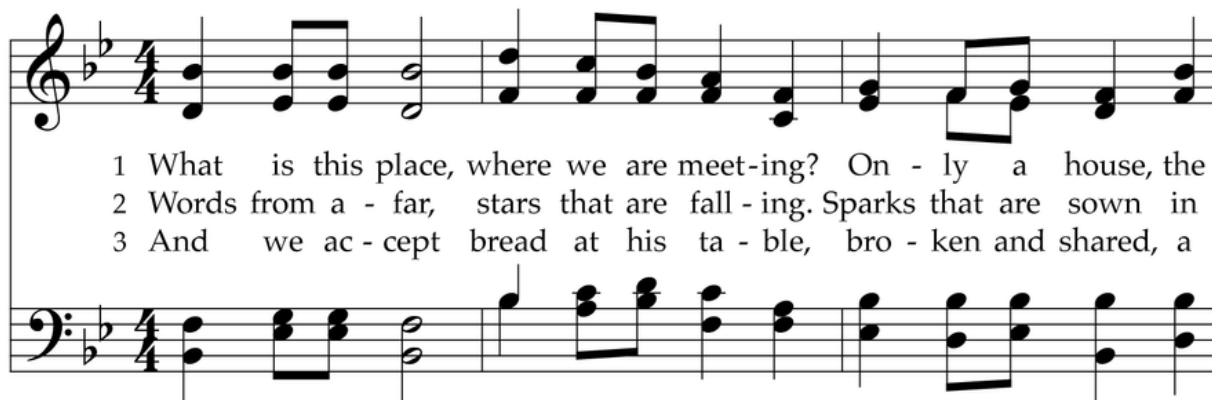
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Open our eyes so we may perceive you in our midst,  
so that - seeing you clearly - we might follow you faithfully.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

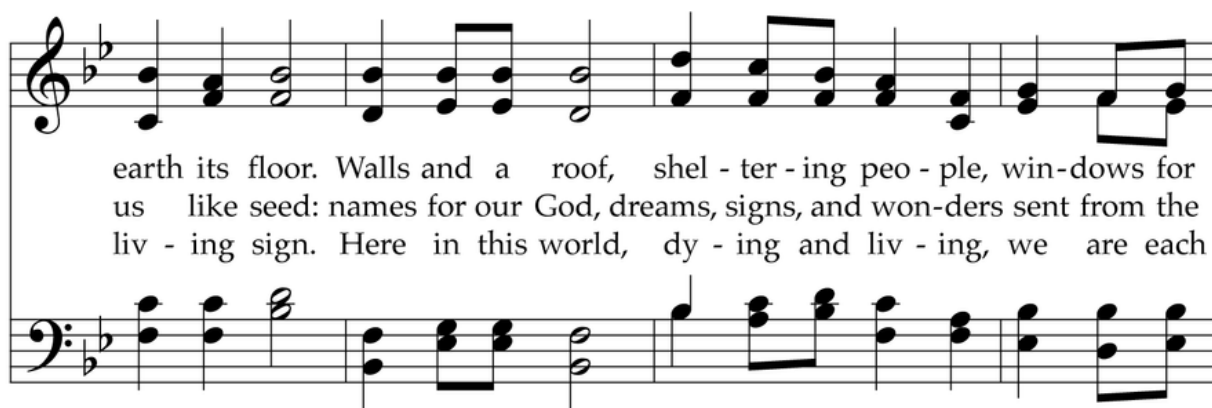
*\*For those who are able, please stand.*



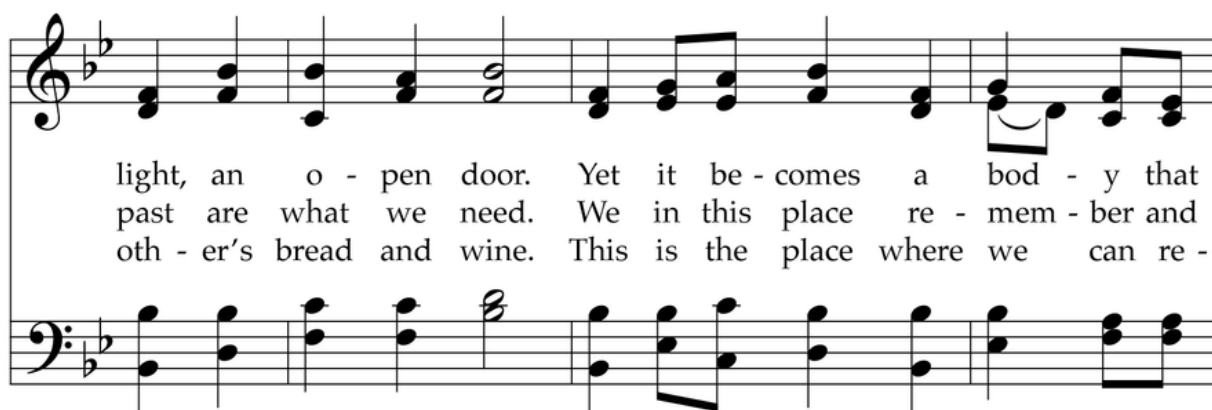
## What Is This Place



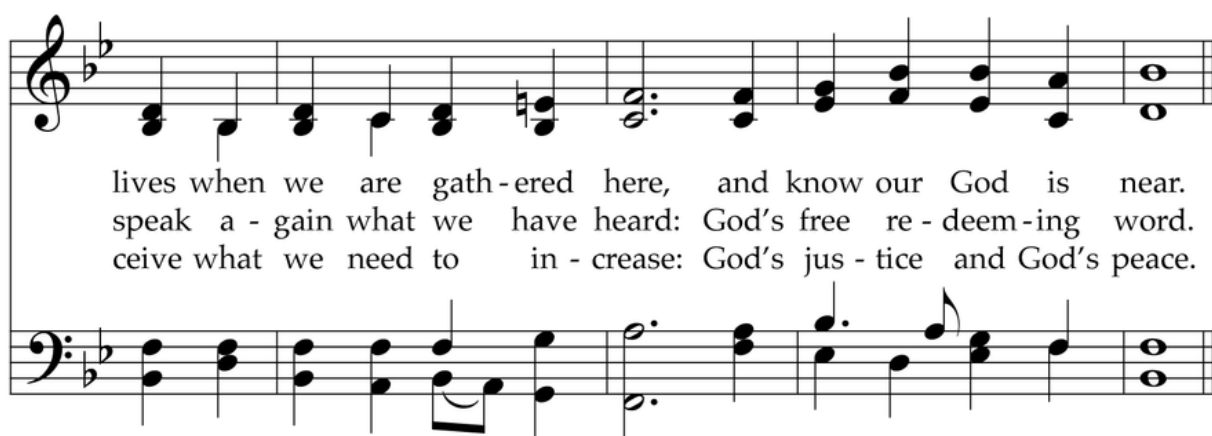
1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win-dows for  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won-ders sent from the  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that  
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -



lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

## \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, God has promised wholeness to us, to our children,  
and to all who are near and far.

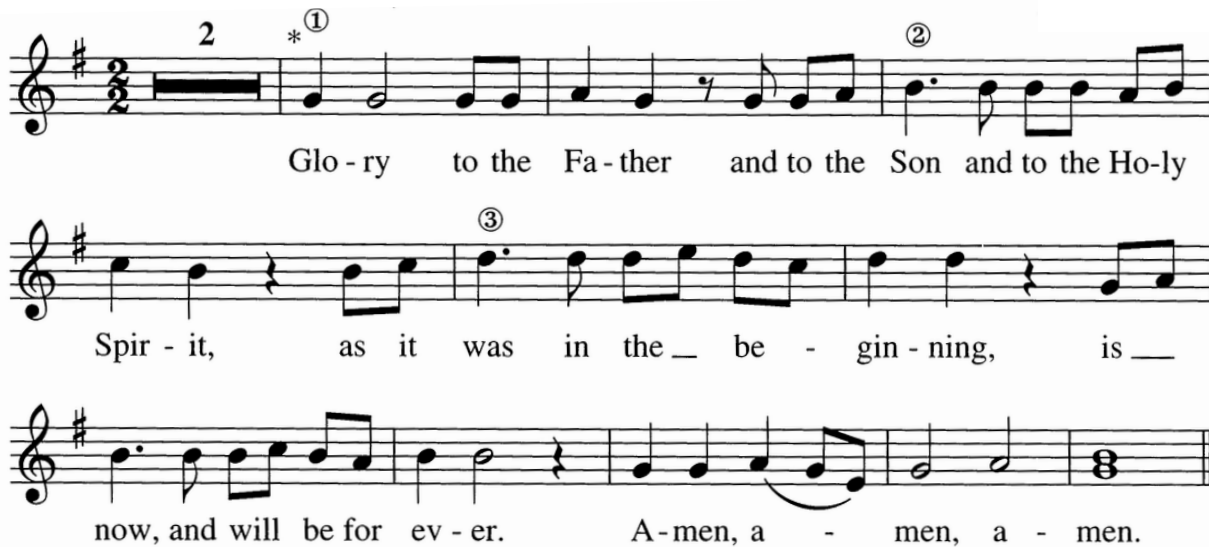
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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

"Beyond the Beauty and the Awe" | *ST. FLAVIAN; 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.

Oh, teach us how to hear your voice despite the traffic's din,  
to keep the blasts of rancor out and let your Spirit in.



## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (p. 119)

### PSALM 116

I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
For the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

**God is our refuge. God is our strength.**

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the name of the Lord;  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

**God is our refuge. God is our strength.**

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?  
I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**God is our refuge. God is our strength.**

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.  
O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**God is our refuge. God is our strength.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.  
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem,  
God is our refuge. God is our strength. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 24: 13-35 (p. 90) (Spark Bible p. 488)

### SERMON

"Entertaining Angels Unaware" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### \*HYMN NO. 252

"Day of Arising" | RAABE

### 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.



## Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,  
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,  
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,  
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.  
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

## OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

"Grand Jeu" | *Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

## \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *LAST 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. 257

"The Risen Christ" | *WOODLANDS*

## \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Christ has no body now on earth but ours,  
**no hands but ours, no feet but ours;**  
ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world,  
**ours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good**  
and ours are the hands with which Christ is to bless us now.  
**May the love of Christ find expression in us.**  
**Amen.**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

"Stay With Us" | *Egil Hovland (1924-2013); Chancel Choir*

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.  
Stay with us, it soon is evening.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening  
and night is falling.

Jesus Christ, the world's true light!  
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.  
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening,  
and night is falling.



# The Risen Christ

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1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y  
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -  
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -  
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and  
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new  
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -  
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Our hymn in response to the sermon, No. 252 “Day of Arising,” was written by the late Susan Cherwien in 1996. The text was commissioned for the annual assembly of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is based on today’s Gospel lesson from Luke 24, the story of Jesus’ encounter with travelers on the way to Emmaus who do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them after they arrive there. Stanza one provides a summary of the biblical event, the second stanza applies it to our lives as believers. The third stanza enlarges the application to the experience of the presence of Christ in the gathered church. In the final stanza, we join in a prayer that our experience of Christ’s presence will open our eyes to see the world as Christ does.

This morning’s opening hymn, No. 404 “What Is This Place,” is a Dutch text by Huub Oosterhuis (born 1933) from his poetry collection *In het voorbijgaan*, and translated into English by David Smith in 1970. The first stanza establishes the distinction between the church as the people and the meeting house as the building where they gather. Stanzas 2 and 3 celebrate respectively the gifts of word and table in fresh images. Stanza 3 also points to the dimensions of justice and peace that emerge from the encounter with God’s revealed purposed and spiritual provision. The tune, KOMT NU MET ZANG, is a 17th century Dutch melody which matches the text well. It is driven by the pattern of a quarter note and two eighths which initiates 8 of its 14 measures.

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# Events and Announcements

*More information can be found on our events page at [northminster.church/events](https://northminster.church/events)*

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## **Congregational Meeting | Today | 11:00 am**

Join us following worship this morning for 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 | Today | 4:00 pm**

Join us this afternoon 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 | 11:30 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.



## **Northminster Community Yoga | Apr. 30 | 5:30 pm**

Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga on April 30th, May 7th, and May 21st. Class is from 5:30-6:30 pm in Calvin Hall; \$10 adults, \$5 students. All are welcome and no experience is needed!



## **Montreat Parent/Youth Meeting | Apr. 30 | 11:15 am**

All youth who are registered for Montreat (and a parent) need to attend a brief meeting after worship on April 30th in Youth Room. Please contact Nancy Fortenberry if you have questions.

## **Youth Sunday Coming Up!**

Mark your calendar for Youth Sunday planning on April 23rd at 5:30 pm and a walkthrough on April 30th at 5:30 pm as we prepare for Youth Sunday on May 7th! Graduates will also be honored so submit your info using the QR code to the right.



## **Family Promise #NightWithoutABed | Through May 6**

During the month of April until May 6th, Family Promise is conducting its primary fundraising campaign titled #NightWithoutABed. Support this campaign using the QR to the right. Please contact Dolly Craft with any questions.



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