



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 21, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Festival Voluntary" | *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | *AZMON*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit
so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,
in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We seek God's grace with boldness
because we trust in Jesus Christ,
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.
This is the good news of the gospel:
through Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again!

*RESPONSE

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



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

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

Children are dismissed to Church School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

"Surrexit pastor bonus" | Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

Surrexit pastor bonus,
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis,
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, Alleluia.

The good shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and deigned to die for his flock, Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

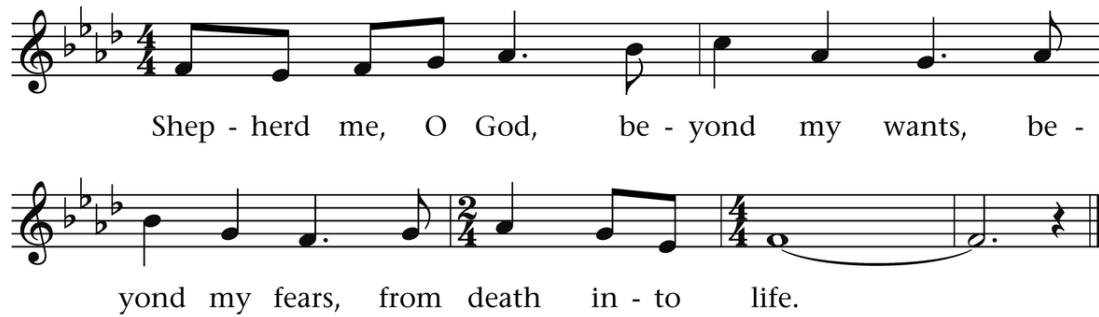
John 10: 11-18 (p. 103-104)

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



SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 23: "Shepherd Me, O God" | Marty Haugen (b. 1950)



THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

I John 3: 16-24 (p. 240)

SERMON

"That All Might Have What They Need"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 754

"Help us Accept Each Other" | BARONITA

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 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.

OFFERING

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

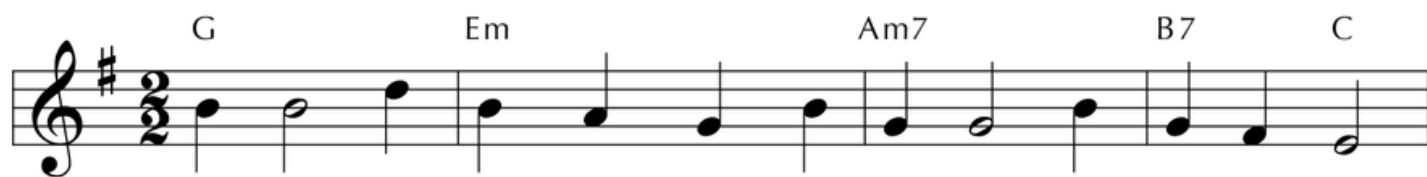
OFFERTORY

"Adagio (from Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue)", BWV 564 | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*For those who are able, please stand.



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

***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!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN NO. 187**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” | *BRADBURY*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Friends, may the goodness and mercy of God
follow us all the days of our lives,
and, at our life's end, may we dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.
Alleluia!

In the name of the good shepherd,
love one another.
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Peace of the Earth” | *Traditional Guatemalan, arr. John Bell (b. 1949)*

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.

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



Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

IN WORSHIP

The anthem “Surrexit pastor bonus” was composed by the Flemish composer Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594). He stands with Palestrina and William Byrd as the three great composers of the late Renaissance. He was appointed Maestro di Cappella at the basilica of St. John Lateran (Rome) in 1551, a position which would be later held by Palestrina. In 1556, he assumed the same position in Munich for the Duke of Bavaria, where he stayed until his death, nearly thirty years later. Orlando di Lasso composed approximately 2000 sacred and secular vocal compositions. Among his sacred works, he is best known for his motets, which often vividly express the texts on which they are composed. “Surrexit pastor bonus” is a five-voice motet celebrating the resurrection. Written for five voices - two soprano parts, alto, tenor, and bass - the piece begins with all voices singing an ascending interval on the word “surrexit” (risen). Note the descending passages on “mori dignatus” (deigned to die). At the midway point, the choir sings a series of cascading “Alleluias,” a welcome addition to the season of Easter.

TODAY'S LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim, *Pastor*
Marko Petričić, *Organist*
John Wright, *Director of Music Ministries*
Brian Shivers, *Pastor*
Chamber Ensemble
Krista Wright, *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

Offering of Letters | Today | 11:15 am

Northminster will be participating in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters before and after worship this morning. All supplies will be provided. Anyone interested in advocating for legislation that would reduce hunger in our country is welcome!

Family Promise "Night Without A Bed" | Now through May 4th

Donate to provide families in need with the comfort of a bed. Also consider spending a night without a bed on May 4th (on your sofa, floor, tent) to remember those who can't choose where they sleep. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more.



"Free to Believe" Adult Education | April 24th | 6:00 pm

Don Knebel's Adult Education class continues this Wednesday! For week three, we will look at the first 300 years after the Protestant Reformation. You're invited to join in person or on Zoom! Scan the QR code to learn more.



Westminster Food Pantry Tuna Donation | April

This month, we are collecting cans of tuna for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Please place donations in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place by Wednesday, April 24.

Spring Clean-Up | May 4th | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for our Spring Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 4th! Tasks include gardening, power washing, painting, repairs, and more. Coffee and pastries will be provided and you can contact Craig Hittle or Blaine Dinwiddie with questions!



Lemonade Stand to Benefit Gleaner's | May 4th | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Purchase a cup of lemonade or coffee on Saturday, May 4th to support Norah Ellington's community project on poverty in schools. All profits will go to support Gleaner's Food Bank!

Youth Sunday 2024 | Registration Ends Today

Join us as we celebrate graduates and 2024 confirmands, and let our youth lead the worship service. There are a variety of ways to showcase your talents! Sign-up (grades 6-12) is available by using the form QR code as well as a form to recognize graduates.



Sound & Spirit: Blue Highway | May 10th | 7:00 pm

Celebrating 30 years of touring and winners of 32 IBMA awards and 3 Grammy nominations, Blue Highway brings their award-winning sound to Northminster on May 10th. Admission is free!



New Member Class | May 19th

Northminster will host a New Member opportunity for anyone interested in joining the church! We'll gather at 8:15 am for a light continental breakfast and at 8:30 am for a class in the Board Room. Those joining will then be recognized in worship at 10:00 am.

Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Custodian

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Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at northminster.church/newsletter

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