



# 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 19, 2026 | 10:00 am

(\*For those who are able, please stand)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"I Lift My Voice" | Andrea Ramsey, additional text by Peace Choir singers

When I lift my voice, let it be in song.  
A defiant note in the face of wrong.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,  
'Cause we know that love is always justified.

*Refrain:* When they try to divide us  
It will only unite us  
I lift my voice

When I lift my voice, let it be for good.  
Let me care as much as I know I should.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,  
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Refrain*)

When I lift my voice, let it be for love.  
Let us sing our prayers to God above.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side  
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Refrain*)

When I lift my voice, let it be a sign.  
That the Earth's our home, we must keep it fine.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,  
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Refrain*)

When I lift my voice, let it be for love.  
Let us fly through skies like a little dove.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,  
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Refrain*)

When I lift my voice, let it be a sound.  
'Cause the smallest noise can shake the ground.  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side,  
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Refrain*)



\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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. 485**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised” | *ENGELBERG*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **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 that we may perceive you in our midst,  
see you clearly, and follow you faithfully.**

\* **SILENT CONFESSION**

\* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, hear this good news:  
through Christ we can trust in God,  
who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory.

**We are born anew, through the living  
and enduring word of God.**

**Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!**



# We Know That Christ Is Raised 485



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

\* **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*

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**ANTHEM**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” | *ST. COLUMBA, arr. Vicki Wright*

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.  
The King of love is mine forever.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*Children are dismissed to Church School*

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





## 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.

\* **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. 313**

“Lord, Make Us More Holy” | *LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY*

\* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the grace of Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
the love of God who raised him from the dead,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life  
bless and keep you.

**Alleluia!**

**Christ is alive in our midst and goes with us along all life’s roads.**

Now leave this place and serve in Christ’s name.

May the love of Christ find expression in us.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Kyrie” (from *Mass in Blue*) | *Will Todd (b. 1970)*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord have mercy.*

Christe eleison.    *Christ have mercy.*

Kyrie eleison.      *Lord have mercy.*

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**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Katie Ray | *Peace Choir Director*

Peace Choir

Krista Wright | *Piano, Flute*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Nathan Matthews | *Cantor*

Mark Ortwein | *Saxophone*

Bert Witzel | *Bass*

Craig Hetrick | *Drums*

Chancel Choir

Erin Benedict | *Soprano*

# 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy



1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;  
2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;  
3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;  
4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;



Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:  
Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.  
lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.  
pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.  
faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

## IN WORSHIP

We express our sincere appreciation to our Peace Choir singers and director Katie Ray, who bring vitality and meaning to our worship services throughout the year. Although the children learn about music history, how music connects with worship, how to read music, and how to improve their voices, they are not just a choir, they are worship leaders. And thank you to their parents who transport them to Wednesday rehearsals and Sunday worship!

Peace Choir: Luciana Higgins, Benneit Kincaid, Bear King, James Mann, Quinn Mann, Ava Purdue, Ella Purdue, and Miles Shadday

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, and 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.

Today’s postlude, “Kyrie,” is the first movement of Will Todd’s *Mass in Blue* (2003). The work combines two very different musical traditions: that of the sung mass, one of the oldest forms of European music, and that of the blues, a distinct form of African American music that came into prominence in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and paved the way for jazz. In *Mass in Blue*, Todd meshes his lifelong choral background with the 12-bar blues component of jazz. “Kyrie” begins with an instrumental introduction by a jazz trio - alto saxophone, bass, drums, and piano. The movement builds slowly, taking a simple melody and building layers of texture with each repetition. The choir enters with the upper voices, who pass the melody to the lower voices. With varying degrees of harmony, the choir returns the melody back to the band, and finally to the soprano soloist, who sings improvisations over the top.

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Spring Work Days | May 1-2 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join the Building and Grounds Team for Spring Work Days! We'll have a few projects to choose from that will be divided up on the day. Scan the QR code to sign up through Civic Champs and wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!



## **Sound & Spirit: The Drowsy Lads | May 1 | 7:00 pm**

The *Sound & Spirit* season closes with The Drowsy Lads! Named the Best Irish American Band of 2018 by Irish American News, the deep connections of this father/son and brothers band shine through in their traditional Irish sound.



## **Umoja Partner Pickleball Tournament | May 2 | 8:00 am**

Join our Mission Partner, Umoja Partnership, for a Pickleball Tournament at 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Pickleball! Register as an individual or a doubles team to help fund Umoja's various programs. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code!



## **Family Promise: Night Without a Bed | Now Through May 2**

Family Promise's "Night Without a Bed" campaign is in full swing for 2026! Learn more and consider a gift today to help fund their Apartment Shelter Program in 2026.



## **Grief Support Group | Starting May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

This six-week group is free for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Providing a supportive, confidential, and compassionate environment, all are welcome to share as they feel comfortable. Learn more today.



## **"Embodied Prayer" Series | Starting May 5 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Join us in the chapel for a three-week series starting May 5<sup>th</sup> to engage in a variety of spiritual practices and prayer formats designed to deepen your sense of God's presence in your life. Contact Mary Beth Riner for more info!

## **NPC Knits | May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Join us in The Gathering Place for knitting, crocheting, and a dash of social justice. Bring your needles, yarn, and friends; All people and skill levels welcome! Have courage, have fun! Contact Jill de las Alas for more info.

## **April - June Mission Team Collection**

From April through June, the Mission Team is collecting a wide range of items to build three Streets to Home move-in kits! You're invited to sign up to donate specific items using the QR code or you may consider a monetary donation.



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Stephen Ministry Leader

**Tony Dzwonar**  
Stephen Ministry Leader

**Teri Thomas**  
Pastor Emerita

**Donald R. Durrett**  
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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## 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.

## Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms. The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available!

The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube. Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

## Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

## Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit [northminster.church/prayer](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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