



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 26, 2026 | 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"II. Allegro (from Sonata in C Minor, HWV 366)" | George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship the risen Christ.

Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our hope!

Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

* HYMN NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation" | AURELIA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Shepherd,
we have gone astray.

You call us to follow, and we hear your voice.

Yet, we choose to heed other voices -

voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life.

But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy.

Call to us again, O Shepherd.

Summon us unto right paths

to pursue justice in your name,

to seek after the well-being of all.

Lead us to the table you prepare for us -

where rivals share both bread and blessings

and discover there is enough for all.

* SILENT CONFESSION



The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



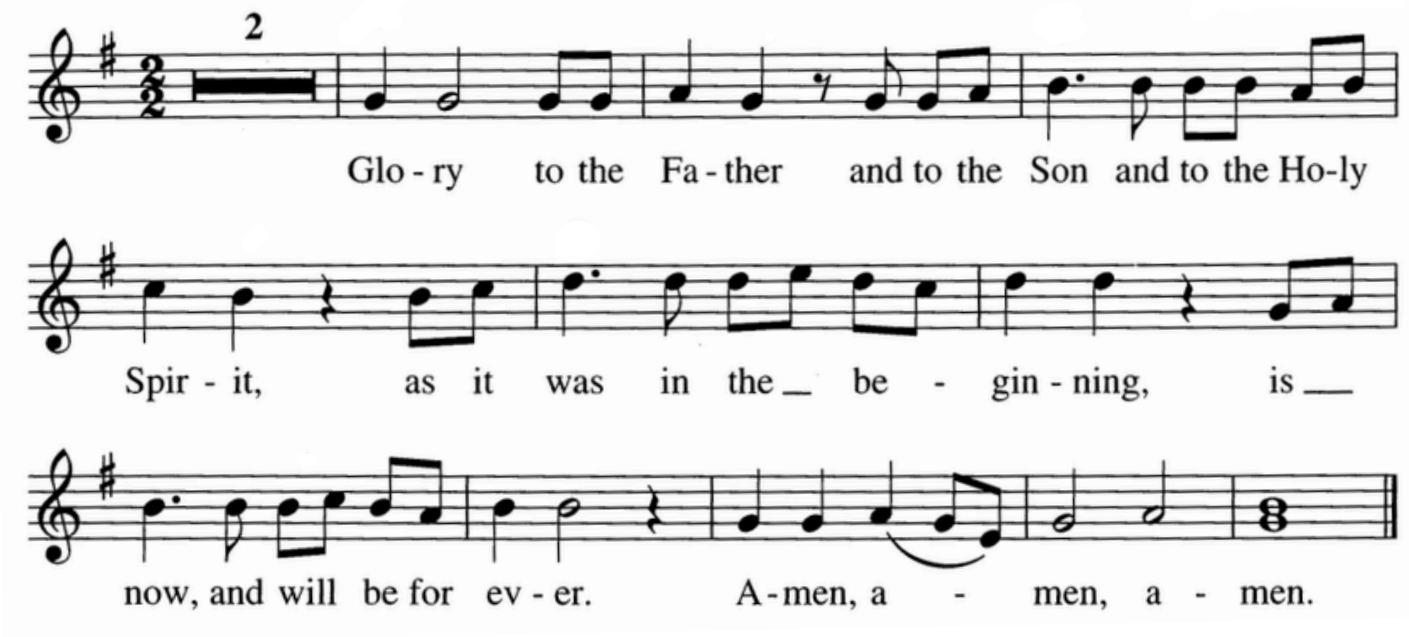
* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, we have all gone astray,
**but now we have returned to the Shepherd
and guardian of our souls.**

Hear this good news – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

* **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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Church School

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Living Word of God Eternal” | *KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS*

Living Word of God eternal, laying claim to every age,
Jesus, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible’s page;
Let Your gospel, heard and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.



FIRST LESSON | PROPHET

Ezekiel 34: 7-15 | *NT p. 803*

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 10: 1-10 | *NT p. 103, Spark Bible p. 436*

SERMON

“The Way of Abundance” | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN NO. 187

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord is My Shepherd” (from *Requiem*) | *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

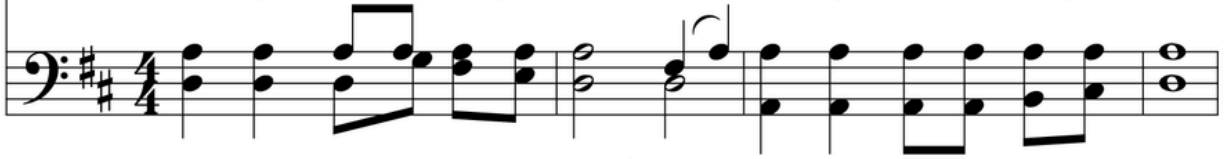
The lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them
that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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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* 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

“We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace” | *PEACEFUL VALLEY*

1. We shall walk through the val - ley in peace;
2. There will be no sor - row there;
3. There will be no dy - ing there;

We shall walk through the val - ley in peace;
There will be no sor - row there.
There will be no dy - ing there.

If Je - sus Him - self shall be our Lead - er,

We shall walk through the val - ley in peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system includes three verses. The second system repeats the first verse. The third system contains the line "If Jesus Himself shall be our Leader,". The fourth system repeats the first verse. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God who calls us by name
lead us out to green pastures
and lead us into the safety of Christ's fold.

Alleluia.

Friends, let us devote ourselves to the teachings of the gospel,
that they may lead us to glad and generous hearts.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" | *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
And give you peace.

Amen.

(Numbers 6:24)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Leonid Sirotkin | *Oboe*

Chancel Choir

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IN WORSHIP

The Offertory, “The Lord is my Shepherd,” is the sixth movement of British composer John Rutter’s seven-movement *Requiem*. This piece was originally composed in 1976 for Mel Olson and the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska. The plaintive oboe solo adds sensitivity to the comforting text, Psalm 23. Sir John Rutter (born 1945) currently serves as Artist Laureate of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (since 2025). His compositional career has embraced both large and small-scale choral works, orchestral and instrumental pieces, a piano concerto, two children’s operas, music for television, and specialist writing for groups such as the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble and The King’s Singers. His music has been featured in a number of British royal occasions, including two royal weddings. In the early 1980s, Rutter formed the Cambridge Singers as a professional choir primarily dedicated to recording, and he now divides his time between composition and conducting. In 1996, the Archbishop of Canterbury conferred a Lambeth Doctorate of Music upon him in recognition of his contribution to church music. He was knighted in 2023 at the King’s Birthday Honours.

This morning’s final hymn is the African-American spiritual “We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace.” The enslaved may have sung this song as they worked in the fields and factories or in secret evening worship services. Historians believe the first print version appeared in *Slave Songs of the United States* (Boston, 1867, no. 95), one of the earliest collections of spirituals. The “valley” is a poignant theme in enslaved songs, including “Jesus walked this lonesome valley” and “Down to the river to pray” - the original version was “Down to the valley to pray.” The valley symbolized a place of refuge and prayer in times of deep distress. The central scriptural source for “We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace” is from today’s Psalm, Psalm 23:4: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”



Events and Announcements

Offering of Letters | Today | Following Worship

Join us in The Gathering Place to participate in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters, in order to urge our members of Congress to make ending hunger a top priority. All ages welcome and all supplies provided!



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.



Spring Work Days | May 1-2 | Fri. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sat. 7:30 - 11:30 am

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!



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.



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

Join our Mission Partner, Umoja Partnership, for a Pickleball Tournament at 3rd 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!



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 5th 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!

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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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

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