

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday | May 7, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOMEMary Winkler

PRELUDE

"Toccata" | Gordon Young (1919-1998); Marko Petričić, Organ

*OPENING SENTENCES

Eva Ellington & Kendra Cooley

Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers, and too many left behind we come together.

The world's ways are not our ways.
The world's ways are not Christ's ways.

Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power we gather as God's people.

God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.

Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits! Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community! Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One! **Praise be to the Everlasting One!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" | LOBE DEN HERREN



35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jackie Gritton

Friends, in Christ, we will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Almighty God,

your word offers freedom from sin,
but we confess we have not obeyed your word.
We have harbored malice toward our enemies;
we have been deceitful in our relationships;
we have been insincere in our commitments;
through gossip we have slandered our friends.
Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance.
Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk
that we may grow into the joy of salvation
through Jesus Christ.

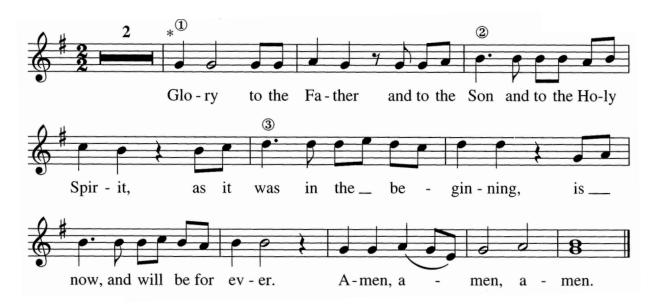
*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Annie Robinson & Mary Winkler

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

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Ronco

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 (p. 505-506) | Kate Ronco & Josie Hochbein

WORDS FROM GRADUATES

Lily Banks, Ellie Dinwiddie, & Caroline Keltner

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Sam Banks

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the good news to the poor and release to the captives.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Jesus Christ our Lord.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ryan Kim

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Jennifer Dzwonar & Heather Banks

WORDS FROM STEWARDSHIP

Loui Lord Nelson & Rosalynn Lancaster

OFFERING

Annie Robinson

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

OFFERTORY

"Dans Rustique Op. 20 No. 5" | William Henry Squire (1871-1963), Ryan Kim, Cello

*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

Grayson Auer

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Lily Banks



GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Will Ronco, Jessie Gritton, & Lily Banks

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table? We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

It is our greatest joy, Creator God, to give you thanks in every time and place. ...We praise you that before he died, our Savior gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. ...Do this in remembrance of me.

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying: ...Do this in remembrance of me.

What do we remember at this table?

We remember God's gracious love for us, ...we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world.

What do we ask at this table?

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us ...until the day you make all things new.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(At the direction of the hosts, you are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice and receive communion by the ancient method of intinction.

A gluten-free table is available.

Please return to your seats using the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, you will be offered communion in your pew.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Jesu, Dulcis Memoria" | Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611); Quartet

Jesu, dulcis memoria dans vera cordi gaudia sed super mel et omnia eius dulcis praesentia Jesus, how sweet the very thought, giving true joy to the heart, but sweeter than honey and all else is His sweet presence.

"Sonata in C Major, Op. 40, No. I" | Jean Baptiste Breval (1753-1823); Ryan Kim, Cello

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE MEAL

David Scheuermann

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you.

Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Molly Auer



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 526

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" | LINSTEAD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

May God, who raised Christ from the dead,

Keep you forevermore.

Alleluia!

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Alleluia" | Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979); Chamber Ensemble

Alleluia. All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall rest and we shall see.

We shall see and we shall know.

We shall know and we shall love.

Behold our end which is no end.

(St. Augustine 354 – 430)

IN WORSHIP

Today's Offertory, "Danse Rustique", is one of William Henry Squire's most famous short programs. William Henry Squire is a British cellist and composer. It was composed in 1895 and was so popular it was commonly used as a competition piece for several decades in Great Britain. It is a lively and expressive piece with fast and energetic parts and others that are slower and more expressive.

Today's music during communion, "Sonata in C major", is by Jean-Baptiste Bréval and has two movements. The first movement, allegro, is the movement that is played during communion. It is in sonata form and has three sections. The first has two themes and a closing section and is played twice. The second section is the themes from the first section that have been fragmented and used to create this section. The final section has the themes from the first section and a big ending to show that this really is the end.

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526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal ents and tongues em ploy,
- 2 Christ is a ble to make us one;
- 3 Je sus calls us in, sends us out

reach-ing out with a at the ta-ble he bear-ing fruit in a



shout of joy: sets the tone, world of doubt,

bro - ken; the bread is wine poured; teach - ing peo - ple live bless, to to gives us love tell, share: to bread to



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. love in word and in deed ex - press. God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

Je - sus lives a-gain;



earth can breathe a-gain; pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

Youth Sunday Participants

Readers	Readers	Communion Servers	Ushers
Mary Winkler	Caroline Keltner	Lily Banks	David Scheuermann
Eva Ellington	Ryan Kim	Jessie Gritton	Grayson Auer
Kendra Cooley	Julia Crook	Grayson Auer	Sam Banks
Jackie Gritton	Grayson Auer	Kate Ronco	Mary Walker
Annie Robinson	Will Ronco	Annie Robinson	Josie Hochbein
Lily Banks	Jessie Gritton	Will Ronco	Annie Robinson
Ellie Dinwiddie	David Scheuermann		
	Molly Auer		

Graduate Recognition

University Graduates

Michael Longo Indiana University

> Emma Longo IUPUI

Hannah Plunkett Indiana University with Distinction

Lauren Schmahl Indiana University

High School Graduates

Jenice Alexander North Central

> Lily Banks Carmel

Sarah Crook Carmel

Ellen Dinwiddie Cathedral

Caroline Keltner Cathedral

Audrey Neterval Westfield



Events and Announcements

Westminster May Donations | Today

The Mission Team is collecting feminine hygiene products in honor of Mother's Day for Westminster Neighborhood Services on Sunday, May 7th. Please bring items to the Gathering Place!

Free Musical Event: Sing for Joy! | May 12 | 6:30 pm

Northminster welcomes you to free event with the Sing for Joy radio program, produced by St. Olaf College. This hymn festival with Organist Andy Jacob and Rev. Alexandra M. Jacob is open to the public!

Art for Art's Sake: MYO Benefit | May 14 | 4:00 pm

Join us for a free concert on Sunday, May 14th with five musicians from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra! This concert will "support art therapy for families of the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra (MYO)". Donations are encouraged!



Spring Cleaning Days | May 19-20 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sign up now to help with various projects inside and outside NPC. No specific talents are required. Please bring water, work gloves, and a willing spirit. A sign-up will also be available in The Gathering Place.



Summer Fun: ReNew | Wednesdays in June | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Summer Fun is back and this year we're teaming up with ReNew to promote environmentally-friendly fun! Signups are now open for 4-year-olds through 5th graders. Contact Nancy Fortenberry for more information!



Northminster Reads: The Sweetness of Water | Jun. 18 | 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our next installment of Northminster Reads about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever. Zoom link will be available soon!



Northminster Camping Trip | Aug. 18-20

Mark your calendars now for Northminster's Camping Trip this August! All are welcome and more details including a registration link will be available soon. For more information, please contact Nancy Fortenberry.



One Church, One Book | Now Through Sep. 12

One Church, One Book is an all-church exploration of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond. Folks are invited to read the book between April 30th and September 12th and participate in one of several conversation opportunities.



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