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NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost | May 19, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Toccata (from Gothic Suite)" | Leon Boellman (1862-1897)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Creator,
earth has many languages,
and your gospel proclaims your love to all nations
in one heavenly tongue.

**Make us messengers of the good news that,
through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN

"O Come, Holy Spirit" | ADESTE FIDELIS

O come, Holy Spirit, come and breathe upon us.
O come, yes, O come with your passionate peace.
Come to release us, from the fears that hold us.
O come, Creator Spirit! O come, Creator Spirit!
O come, Creator Spirit! Make us your own!

O come, Holy Spirit, come and dance upon us.
O come, yes, O come, with your tongues of fire.
Come to ignite us with your heart for justice.
O come, Creator Spirit! O come, Creator Spirit!
O come, Creator Spirit! Make us your own!

O come, Holy Spirit, come and give us voices.
O come, let us speak of your hope and grace.
Let us proclaim a welcome to all people.
O come, Creator Spirit! O come, Creator Spirit!
O come, Creator Spirit! Make us your own!

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



*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
in the beginning of time, you moved over the face of the waters;
you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, Voice of the Prophets,
you envelop us with a passion for your truth
and call us to ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Divine,
by your power, Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher,
you speak to us of our Lord
and show us the depth of God's love.

Come, liberating Spirit, and free us from the power of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Wind, and Flame,
you filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your Word and share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Truth, dwell in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" | *African-American spiritual; arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
your Holy Spirit is upon all people,
but we like to pretend that we can keep her to ourselves.
Your Holy Spirit is an agent of justice and peace,
but we would recast her as a fixture of the status quo.
Your Holy Spirit is full of surprises,
but we prefer to stick to our comfortable plans.

Forgive us, Holy One.
Humble us and heal us;
enliven and convict us.
Open our minds to the movement of your Spirit,
and open our hearts to have compassion for one another.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

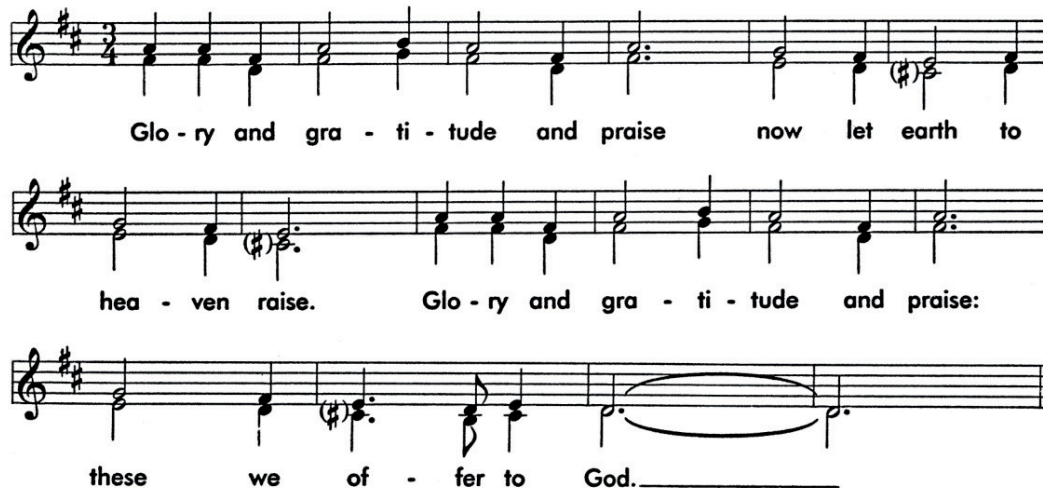
We believe God will grant us new insights, fresh resolve, and the peace that passes all understanding.

Know the peace of God is ours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE

"Glory and Gratitude and Praise" | IONA COMMUNITY



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

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



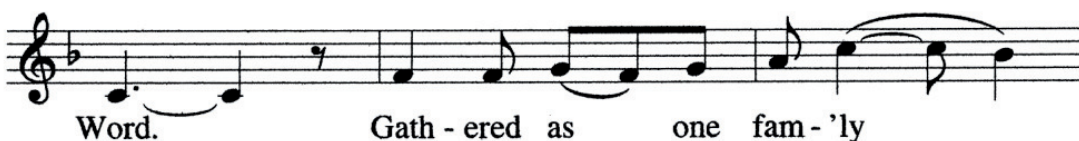
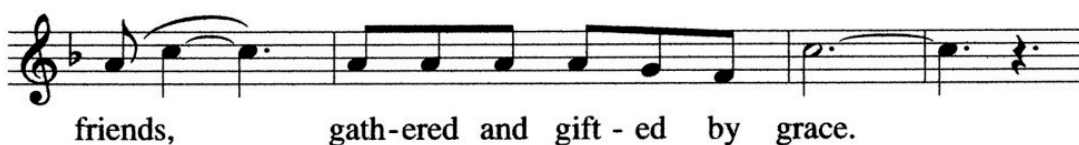
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Gathered in God's Name" | Michael Burkhardt

(Please sing on cue from leader)

Refrain

with great joy!



*For those who are able, please stand.



FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p. 806)

SECOND LESSON

"Psalm 104" | Steven Warner

Refrain



Send forth your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the
face of the earth. Send forth your Spir - it, O
Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

THIRD LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21 (p. 119)

SERMON

"Breath of Life" | Karen Herbst-Kim

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Our World Belongs to God*, Christian Reformed Church

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to the church.

In pouring the Spirit on many peoples
God overcomes the divisions of Babel;
now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation
are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,
who renews our hearts, moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission
compelling young and old, all people of every hue,
to go next door and far away into science and art,
media, and marketplace with the good news of God's grace.
The Spirit goes before them and with them,
convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.
We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
The Spirit gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM

"God is a Spirit (from *Twelve Canticles*)" | Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit.
God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4: 24

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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



OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Light As Dew Drops" | Traditional Scottish, arr. Randall Sensmeier (b. 1948)

Light as dew drops, fresh as sudden raining,
green as shoots of tender plants pushing through the earth,
come, O Spirit, come, like springtime blooming,
come, O Spirit, singing your promise of rebirth.

Refrain: Seasons turn and change; the Spirit stays the same,
breathing like a wild wind with new life and a bright flame.

Light as fireflies, swift as lightning blazing,
sweet as breathing in the warm honeysuckle breeze,
come, O Spirit, come, like summer shining,
come, O Spirit, dance with us through the growing trees.

Refrain

Light as leaf fall, bold as colors changing,
crisp as ripened fruit that falls to the waiting ground,
come, O Spirit, come, like autumn's chilling,
come, O Spirit, and God's good harvest will abound.

Refrain

Light as snowflakes, strong as blizzards blowing,
stark as distant stars that pierce through the frozen night,
come, O Spirit, come, like winter raging,
come, O Spirit, stir our souls with your gentle might.

Refrain

Come, O Spirit, come, through turning seasons.
Come, O Spirit, like the wind, Holy Spirit, come.

(poem by Adam Tice, b. 1981)

*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

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



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth" | *TRURO*

1 Spir - it of God, un-leashed on earth with rush of
2 You came in power, the church was born; O Ho - ly
3 With burn - ing words of vic - tory won in - spire our

wind and roar of flame! With tongues of fire saints
Spir - it, come a - gain! From liv - ing wa - ters
hearts grown cold with fear, re - vive in us bap -

spread good news; earth, kin - dling, blazed its loud ac - claim.
raise new saints, let new tongues hail the ris - en Lord.
tis - mal grace, and fan our smol - dering lives to flame.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

We have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let us go forth empowered and equipped by the Spirit to be Christ's body, doing Christ's work in the world.

Let us leave the past behind and share generously.

With the Spirit, we can find fulfillment and live faithfully.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible!

CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be in My Head" | *John Wright*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and at my departing.

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



IN WORSHIP

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On this day we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world. (from *The Book of Common Worship*, 2018 Westminster John Knox Press)

The African American spiritual “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” arranged by William Dawson (1899 – 1990) and sung by the Chancel Choir, was first published in 1874. Originally, the song would have been sung by the enslaved (without printed music) while working in the fields, as a prayer at night, or during a secret worship service. The first two syllables, “Ev – ry,” have fermatas over them, which captures the listener’s attention immediately. The piece moves forward in a brisk tempo with the opening refrain. Dawson sets two verses for the soloist as the choir hums underneath. When the refrain returns after the first solo line, the choir sings an unexpected piano dynamic with slightly altered harmonies. As the piece moves toward the finale, the basses sing a rapid eighth-note counter-melody while the upper three voices sing the refrain. William Dawson was a composer, conductor, and professor revered for his contribution to American choral music. Although he is best known for his arrangements of African American spirituals, he also composed chamber music and orchestral music, including his 1934 *Negro Folk Symphony*. Born in Anniston, Alabama, Dawson ran away from home at the age of 13 to attend the Tuskegee Institute where he sang in the choir and played trombone. After completing his education at Tuskegee, he became the Director of Music at Lincoln High School, Kansas City. He continued his education in Kansas City at the Horner Institute of Fine Arts where he convinced the then all-white school to allow him to earn his BA through one-on-one tutoring sessions. After completion, he received a Master of Music degree from the American Conservatory of Music. In 1930 Dawson returned to Tuskegee as a faculty member, founding the Music School and developing the Tuskegee Institute Choir into a world-renowned touring ensemble. Dawson’s spiritual arrangements are still regularly performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs around the world.

TODAY’S LEADERS

Karen Hestbst-Kim, *Pastor*
Marko Petričić, *Organist*
Brian Shivers, *Pastor*
John Wright, *Director of Music Ministries*
Chancel Choir
Elisabeth Kleinsmith, *Cantor*
Elizabeth Brandes
Gabe Gonçalves

Soloists:
Doug Shafer-Johnson
Benjamin Plunkett
Katie Ray
Nancy Dynes
Daniel Backfish-White
Lucas Shafer-Johnson

Events and Announcements

Katy Mann Book Signing | Today | 11:00 am

Join Katy Mann, founder of Indy with Kids, today for a meet and greet and signing of her new book, *Indianapolis Scavenger: The Ultimate Search for Indianapolis's Hidden Treasures*. Books will be available for sale at the event. After the signing, head down the street to discover the clues hidden in plain sight in Broad Ripple!

Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Today | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after worship to discuss their court experiences. If you'd like to learn more about how to get involved as a court watcher or about their work, please contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

Robert McCormick Hymn Fest | May 24 | 6:30 pm

The Indianapolis AGO (American Guild of Organists) and NPC are excited to present an evening of hymns with Robert McCormick. Mr. McCormick will illuminate our understanding of these hymns from the hymnal Glory to God. Attendees at this free event will have the opportunity to listen, sing, and be inspired!

Westminster Collection for May: Feminine Hygiene | Throughout May

Northminster's Mission team is collecting feminine hygiene products to donate to our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Please bring items throughout the month of May to the yellow bin in the Gathering Place. To learn more about the work of Northminster's Mission Team, scan the QR code!



Pyoca Summer Camps | June & July

Registration has begun for Pyoca Summer Camps! Every summer, the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center runs multiple summer camp sessions in June and July. Camps are designed for different age groups and interests, having sessions for rising 2nd graders through 2024 graduates. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more.



Summer Fun | June 5, 12, and 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

It's a beautiful (summer) in the neighborhood! Summer Fun is returning with a Mr. Rogers-based program for three nights in June. Registration will begin soon for 3 year old - 5th grade. We are also in need of volunteers to help make this program great! Register or sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or visiting the website!

Special Summer Worship Services | June 16 & August 11

Outdoor worship at Northminster is back! Mark your calendars for worship services on Ralston Commons this Summer on Sunday, June 16, and Sunday, August 11. You're invited to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for these special services and don't forget to invite your neighbors and friends.

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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.

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