



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Trinity Sunday | May 26, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Fugue in E-flat Major", BWV 552 | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, holy, holy is our God:

Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.

The God of glory thunders;

God's voice shakes the wilderness.

No one knows from where it comes,

or to where it goes.,

and all in God's temple say, "Glory!"

Will we hear that voice saying:

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

O God, we are here, send us!

Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*HYMN NO. 4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" | *GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH*

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



4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Based on an 18th-century German metrical version of a celebrated 5th-century Latin hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*, this abbreviated 19th-century English paraphrase is sung by both Protestants and Roman Catholics. It is set here to the tune composed and named for the German version.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Mother, Lover, and Friend,
one God in three persons, mutual and whole,
we confess our relationships are not that way.
We have been too selfish;
or we have given too much;
or we have accepted too little.
Our sin drives us away from one another and from you.

Forgive us and restore us, God of grace.
Give us new life in your Spirit
so that we may serve you faithfully
and live as your beloved children,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*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

"Glory and Gratitude and Praise" | IONA COMMUNITY



*For those who are able, please stand.



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 Summer Playtime

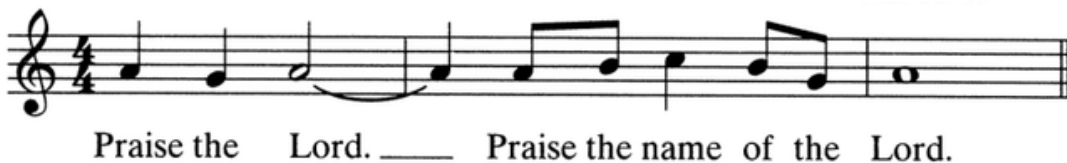
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (p. 635-636)

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 29 | Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17 (p. 93-94)

SERMON

"How Can These Things Be" | Carol McDonald

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One [of our ancestors]
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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 Christ Jesus our Lord.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"As Breath Swept Over Formless Sea" | *CONDITUR ALME SIDERUM*

As Breath swept over formless sea, the Word ignited sunlight's stream;
God's song took form and came to be the substance of Love's living dream.

Though countless planets turn in space beyond all human sense or sight,
God breathes on each with words of grace as stars unfurl their fields of light.

The life-bestowing Breath still blows; what God imagined yet expands.
The universe evolves and grows within the Dreamer's open hands.

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

"Triune God, Mysterious Being | Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
windsped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power and love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your Church in every place.

Christ our Savior, Sovereign, Shepherd,
Word made flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant,
friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors
learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and prayer.

Great Creator, Life-bestower,
Truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness,
so may those the Church exalts
oversee her life steadfastly
yet not overlook her faults.

Triune God, mysterious Being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your Name.

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



***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. 9**

“The Play of the Godhead” | *PERICHORESIS*

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the Lord give strength to the people.

May the Lord bless us with peace!

**And the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores,
be with us now and always.**

Friends, God said, “Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?”

And Isaiah said, “Here am I; send me!”

**May God free us from our fear, fill us with love,
and send us forth in peace.**

POSTLUDE

“Grand Jeu” | *Pierre Dumage (1674-1751)*

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



The Play of the Godhead

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal melody line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three numbered lines of lyrics. The second system contains two lines of lyrics. The third system contains two lines of lyrics. The fourth system contains two lines of lyrics. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and accidentals. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4.

1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em-brac-es the
2 The warm mists of sum-mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as
3 In God's gra-cious im-age of co-e-equal parts, we gath-er as

earth in a sa-cred ro-mance: with God the Cre-a-tor, and
ice when the win-try winds blow. The tap-root that nur-tures, the
danc-ers, u-nit-ing our hearts. Men, wom-en, and chil-dren, and

Christ the true Son, en-twined with the Spir-it, a web dai-ly
shoot grow-ing free, the life-giv-ing fruit, full and ripe on the
all liv-ing things, we join in the round of bright na-ture that

spun in span-gles of mys-tery, the great Three-in-One.
tree: more mys-tic and won-drous, the great One-in-Three.
rings with rap-ture and rhy-thm: cre-a-tion now sings!

This text gives life to the theological term *perichoresis*, a mutual, encompassing interaction, sometimes called "the threefold dance of the Trinity." Stanza two notes various "natural analogies" for the Trinity (steam/water/ice; root/shoot/fruit) that have been found inadequate.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's Offertory, "Triune God, Mysterious Being," unites Carl Daw Jr.'s evocative poem with composer Alfred Fedak's tune. The vibrant Trinitarian imagery and theology of dynamic interplay with the mission of the Church is perfectly mirrored in Fedak's arrangement. Originally from Elizabeth, New Jersey, Alfred Fedak (born 1953) is a composer of sacred choral and organ music. As an organist, he has performed and lectured widely throughout the United States and abroad. He is currently the Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Capitol Hill, Albany, New York, as well as harpsichordist/organist with Capitol Chamber Artists, and a member of the adjunct faculty at SUNY Schenectady School of Music.

TODAY'S LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim, *Pastor*
Carol McDonald, *Pastor*
Marko Petričić, *Organist*
Katie Ray, *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

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!



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 has begun for 3-year-old through 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.

Back-To-School Supply Event | July 8-11

Northminster is partnering with Second Pres and St. Luke's Methodist to provide volunteers to sort and pack school supplies for Washington Township students from Monday, July 8th - Thursday, July 11th. The Sign-up Genius link will be active starting June 7th and all available volunteer times will be displayed there.

Summer Church School Sign-Up | June-August

Would you like to show your love of God by caring for the youngest members of our Church Family? Are you willing to help our children learn about God, the Word, and grow in their Faith? We are in need of people to help out in our Nursery, Preschool, and Children's Church Classes for June-August 2024!



Theology on Tap | June 13, July 24, & August 22 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Come join your pastors for a relaxed conversation around faith and spirituality as we discuss issues facing our lives today. We'll meet once a month throughout the summer at a location to be determined. The format will be discussion-based. More details to come!

Upcoming Closure Dates | May 27 & June 19

Please note that Northminster Presbyterian Church will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day, and the office will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth. Regular office/building hours will resume the following day at 9:00 am.

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Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

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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