



# 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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*Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10, 2026 | 10:00 am*

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*"Fugue in D Minor" | Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), arr. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**the Lord who has made everything!**

**Let us worship the One who was and is and ever shall be.**

#### \* HYMN NO. 12

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" | ST. DENIO*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you said,  
"If you love me,  
you will keep my commandments."  
In the same breath,  
you promised an Advocate would come to us.

You, Lord, were faithful to your promise,  
but we - we have broken your law of love.

We have hoarded resources,  
rather than feeding your sheep.

We have stoked competition,  
rather than kneeling at others' feet.

We have kept silent,  
rather than testifying to our belief.

When we don't show our love for you  
by loving one another,  
forgive us.

Help us to heed your commandments  
and keep us ever faithful to your word  
by the power of your Spirit,  
who abides with and among us.

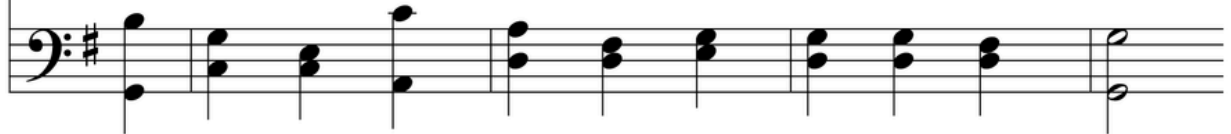
# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



\* **SILENT CONFESSION**

\* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**


Friends, God forgives and God restores.

**God strengthens us through the risen Christ.**

Know that we are forgiven and can be at peace.

\* **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**

“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken” | *Anonymous, Canadian*

Listen to the word that God has spoken,  
Listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation;  
Listen even if you don't understand.



## FIRST LESSON | HISTORY

Acts 17: 22-31 | NT p. 137-138

## SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 66: 8-20



Cry out to God in joy, all the earth. Cry out to God in  
joy, all the earth. Give glo - ry to the name of the Lord.

## THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 14: 15-21 | NT p. 109, Spark Bible p. 450

## SERMON

“Another Advocate” | Brian Shivers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” | HYFRYDOL

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### \* HYMN NO. 482

“Baptized in Water” | BUNESSAN

(Please sing stanzas 2 and 3)

## 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.



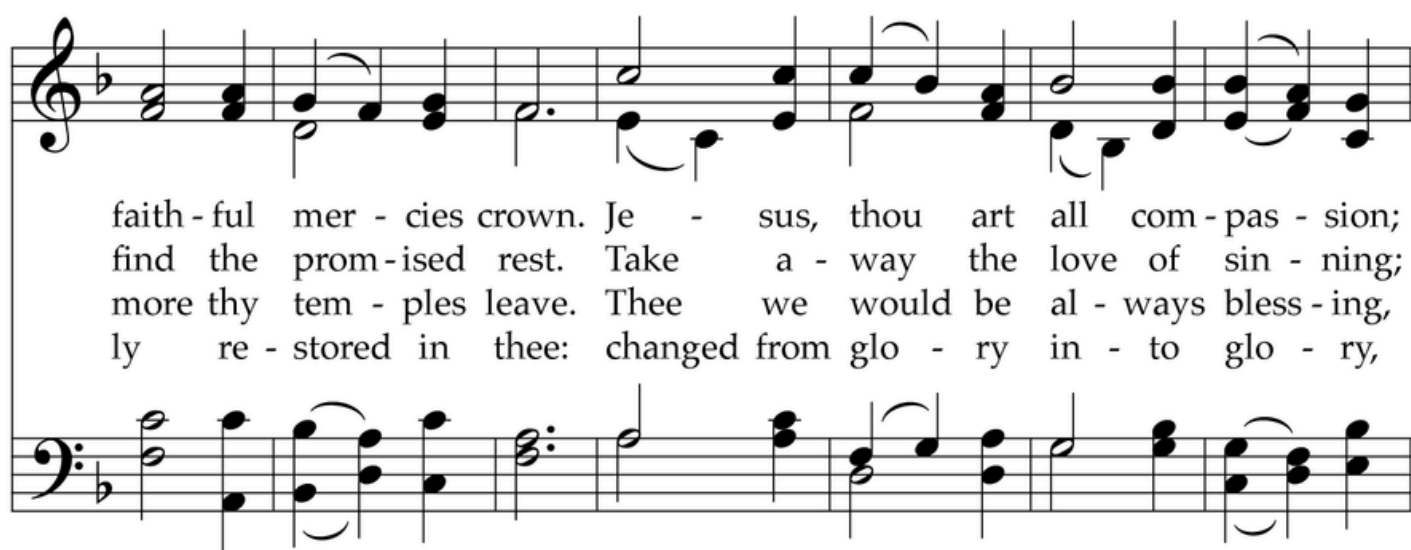
# 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” | *Mark Hayes (b. 1953)*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*(Prayer of St. Francis)*

## \* 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. 282**

“Come Down, O Love Divine” | *DOWN AMPNEY*

\* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Siblings in Christ,  
may God, who creates and sustains,  
keep us steadfast in faith,  
buoyant in hope, abounding in love.  
And the blessing of God,  
Father/Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among us  
and remain with us always.

**Alleluia!**

**May we go in peace to serve Christ,  
always eager to do what is good.  
Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“O Be Joyful in the Lord” | *Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands,  
Serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves.  
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;  
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.

(Psalm 100)

# 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

## IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 66, is a song of thanksgiving. We begin, in verse 8, with a summons to praise ("Let the sound of praise be heard"). The psalmist then recalls a season of disorientation, seen to be the working of God: "you tested us, you tried us, you brought us into the net, you laid burdens upon our backs, you let people ride over our heads, (and as a result) we went through fire and water." The psalmist does not blame God or see this as punishment, nor are they interested in questions about how we came to be in trouble. The emphasis is on the release and restoration brought about by God: "You brought us out into a place of refreshment" (verse 12). Verses 13-20 use the typical pattern of a psalm of thanksgiving, recalling that prayers were made, and that God heard those prayers and answered them. The psalm ends on a note of thanks to God for listening to the prayer of an individual and for not taking away God's steadfast love - "Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me."

This morning's service concludes with Eleanor Daley's jubilant setting of Psalm 100, "O Be Joyful in the Lord." Set for organ and four-part chorus, the music alternates between time signatures of 4/4 and 7/8, giving it a dance-like feel. Eleanor Daley (born 1950) was born and raised in Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. She has served as the Director of Music at Fairlawn Heights United Church in Toronto, Ontario, since 1982. As a composer, she has written many commissioned choral works. She is also a respected choral clinician and a freelance accompanist.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Ted Gibboney | *Organ*  
Chancel Choir  
Krista Wright | *Piano*  
Jonathan Shinn | *Tenor*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Summer Fun: Do Justice | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:15 pm**

Dig into the concept of Justice this summer with Summer Fun! This free program is open to children aged 3 through 5th grade, with childcare available for volunteers and families. Learn more and register today!



## **“Embodied Prayer” Series | May 12 & 19 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Join us in the chapel 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!



## **Youth Group Pool Party | May 17 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Pool Party at the Crook's House! Come ready to swim (bathing suit, towel, etc.), and dinner will be provided. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome. Sign up using the QR code and email Emma Moore for address information.



## **Theology on Tap | May 21 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code, so we have a general count, but feel free to join us even if you don't!



## **NPC Knits | June 1 & 6 | 1:00-3:00 pm & 9:45-11:45 am**

Join us in June for some knitting or crocheting with a dash of social justice! Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome! Contact Jill de las Alas for more information.



## **Grief Support Group | Mondays Through June 8 | 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.



## **Youth Group Lake Day | June 29 | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm**

Youth and their families are invited to join us for a fun day on the water, where they'll have access to a boat, jet skis, paddleboards, and other activities. Learn more and register using the QR code!



## **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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**John Wright**  
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**Carol McDonald**  
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**Marko Petričić**  
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**Tony Dzwonar**  
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**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.

## 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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