



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost | June 25, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Carol McDonald

PRELUDE

"Soliloquy" | *David Conte (b. 1955)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we've been given.**

God calls and welcomes us to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever.

Let us worship God together.

HYMN NO. 12

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loui Lord Nelson

Most patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.

Yet how often have we behaved as if we did not know or even care about you?

How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?

How often have we tried to dominate others even as you stand with them?

**How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our
treatment of the heavens, the earth, and its waters?**

Forgive us for those times when we have lost our way.

All loving God, we want to be among those whom you seek.

Shower your mercy upon us.

Find us and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

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



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

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.

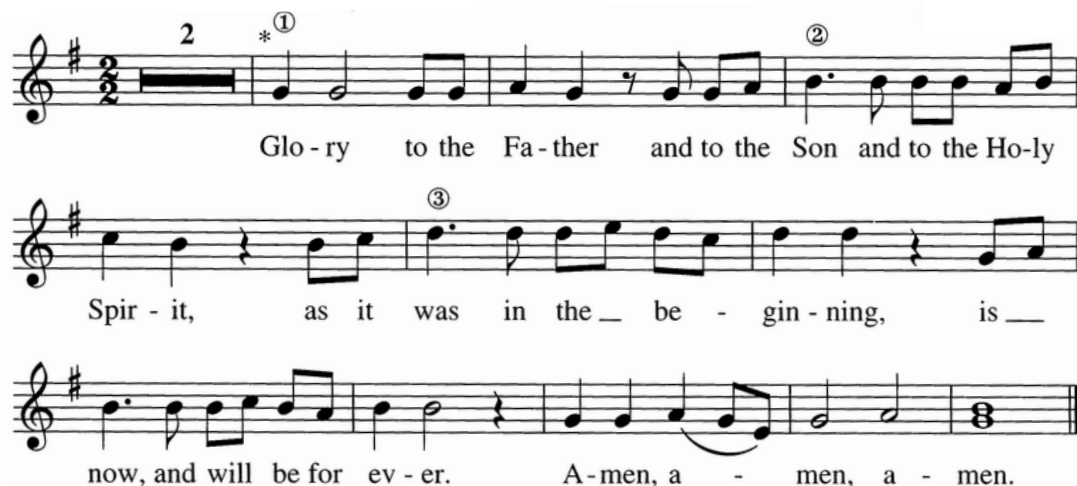
God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,
gathering us in as the people of God.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy - that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

*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.

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

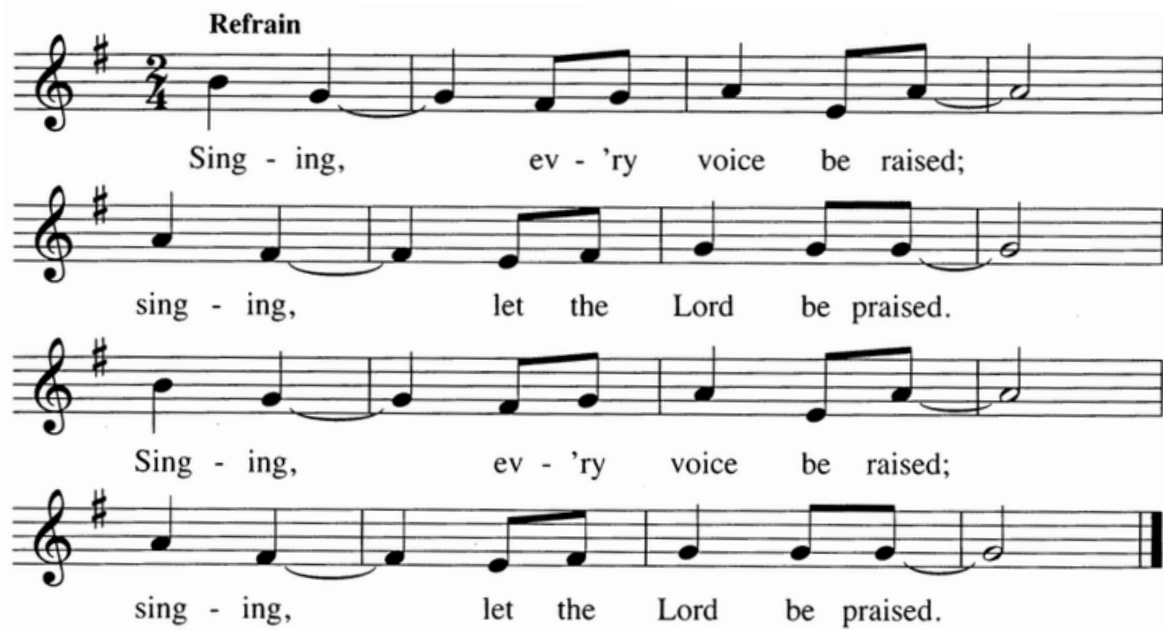
FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 1: 12-17 (p. 208)



PSALM 113

Hal Hopson; Jonathan Shinn, Cantor



GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15: 1-10 (p. 78) (Spark Bible p. 374)

SERMON

"Never Lost...Always Found" | Carol McDonald

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 173

"A Woman and a Coin" | LIFE RESTORED

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.

OFFERING



A Woman and a Coin



1 A wom - an and a coin: the coin is lost!
 2 A shep - herd and a sheep: the sheep is lost!
 3 A par - ent and a child: the child is lost!
 4 Dear God, you sought us when the world was lost;



How much it means to her, what time and toil,
 Far from the flock, the one in hun - dred cries,
 The par - ent feeds on mem - o - ries and hope,
 you gave your on - ly son at what a cost;



what part it was to play in her bright dreams!
 then, risk - ing life, the shep - herd's voice and staff!
 the prod - i - gal on husks and one last chance.
 your Spir - it wel - comes home the tem - pest - tossed:



Am I that trea - sured coin worth search - ing for?
 Am I that trea - sured sheep worth dy - ing for?
 Am I that trea - sured child worth wait - ing for?
 now we can be all you were dream - ing of.



I'm found, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
 I live, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
 I'm home, and you re - joice! What love! What love!
 We're safe, and you re - joice! What love! What love!

OFFERTORY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | *American Folk Tune, arr. Richard Walters;*
Jonathan Shinn, Tenor

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*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. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory" | *CWM RHONDA*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

We have been found by our God.

Now we go to search for those the world has forgotten.

We have been welcomed by Jesus.

Now we go to embrace those the world has dismissed.

We have gathered as a community in the Holy Spirit.

Now we go to draw neighbors near and far into the power of God's love.

In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Tierce en taille" | *J. A. Guillain (1680-1739)*

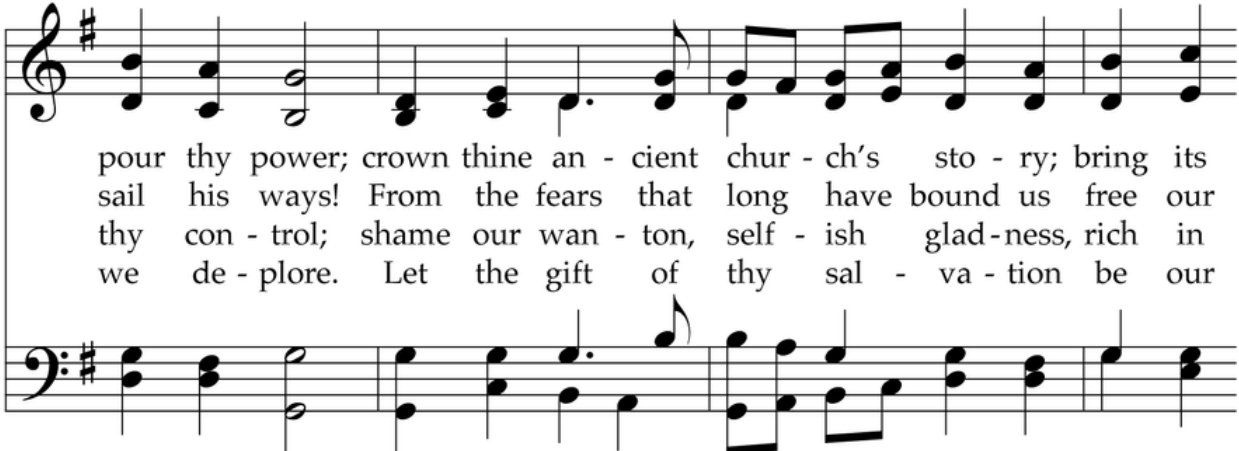
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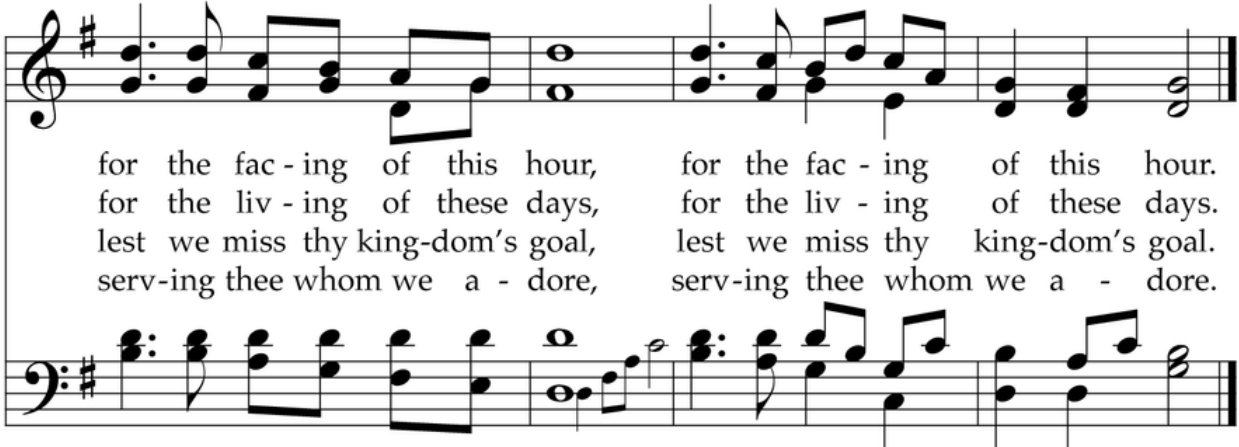
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Events and Announcements

Food Pantry Collection | Today

Partnering with our Summer Fun event, the Mission Team is requesting donations for the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries food pantry. Each week we'll collect different items in the Gathering Place cart. **For Today: Canned Fruits & Vegetables**

Congo Family Donations

Help to provide assistance to the Bilemo/Kangeta family by providing items including a table and chairs, vacuum cleaner, small dresser, patio furniture, and tv table, or even transportation. If you have questions, please contact Monica Brase!

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

Starting Sunday, June 25th, Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month after church to discuss their court experiences. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Holewinski.



Back-To-School Extravaganza | Jul. 9 - Jul. 13 | Various Times

Join our friends at Second Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist to sort school supplies that will be delivered to schools in Washington Township. Use the QR code to view volunteer times and a signup link will be available soon!



Northminster Community Yoga Returns! | Jul. 9 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Community Yoga with Krista Wright returns starting July 9th and every following Sunday in July in Calvin Hall! \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and registration isn't required.



Middle School Day at the Lake | Jul. 25 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Middle schoolers (6th through 8th grade) are invited to the Ronco's lake house! Make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel but lunch and snacks will be provided! More information can be found by using the QR code to the right.



Ralston Commons Dedication | Aug. 6 | 11:15 am

Join us for worship outside on Ralston Commons and be sure to stay following the service for a neighborhood dedication including lunch, music, and activities! More details to come.

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, can be found using the QR code. For more information, please contact Nancy Fortenberry.



Carol McDonald Celebration | Oct. 22 | 11:15 am

Save the date on Sunday, October 22nd after worship as we invite you to gather to celebrate Carol McDonald and her many years of faithful service to Northminster Presbyterian Church. Details will be available closer to the date.

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