



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday After Pentecost | June 9, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in F-sharp Minor", BUXWv 146 | *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*OPENING SENTENCES

O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

On the day I called, you answered me.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship the Triune God!

*HYMN NO. 612

"We Praise You, O God" | *KREMSER*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God,
have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.
You show us your wisdom,
but we prefer to go our own way.
Our broken relationships with you and one another
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.
In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another
for the work of justice, peace, and love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

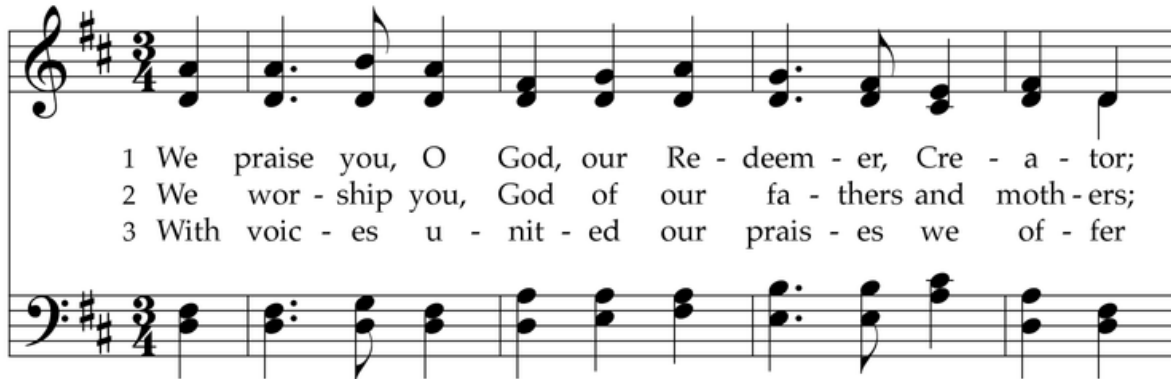
*SILENT CONFESSION

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



We Praise You, O God

612



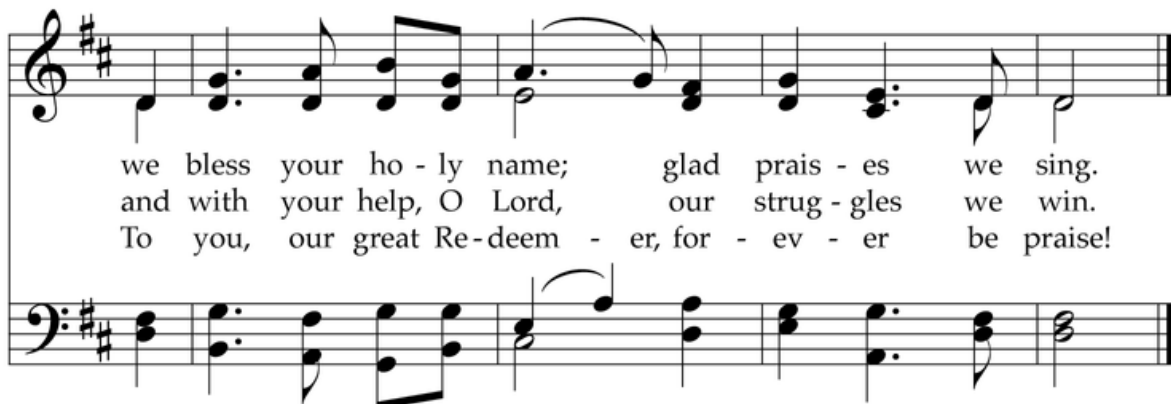
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

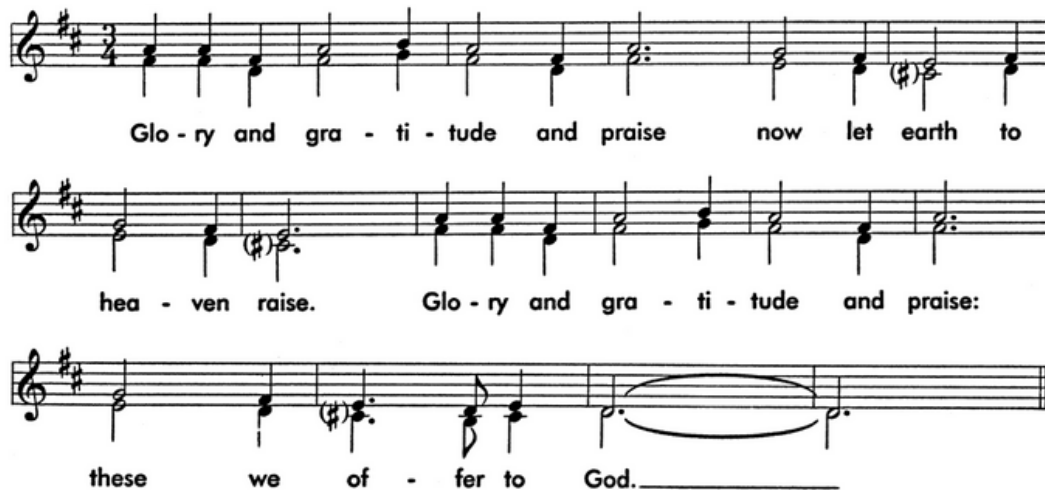
The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, do not lose heart.
We call, God hears;
We confess, God forgives.
We believe and so we proclaim:
in Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

*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 Summer Playtime

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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



FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 138 | *Nicaraguan melody, arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)*

Refrain



Let ev - 'ry voice give praise; to God our songs we raise, for
God a-lone is King; to God a-lone we sing.

SECOND LESSON | TORAH

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (p. 181)

SERMON

"See." | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 701

"Lord, Prepare Me" | *SANCTUARY*

(Soloist sings first time, then All sing)

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

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

OFFERTORY

"Serene Alleluias (from *The Ascension Suite*)" | *Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)*

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



Lord, Prepare Me

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Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul’s reminder to the Christians at Corinth that “[they] are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in [them].”

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all peoples here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 702

"Christ Be Beside Me" | *BUNESSAN*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, God's grace has been poured out on us.

We are invited to share it with all those we meet.

We seek to live so God's grace is evident.

Go into the world to serve, to the glory of God.

Our praise will not cease when we leave this place.

All the world is God's temple, a place to give thanks.

Let us share the good news,

and may our thanksgivings proclaim God's glory!

POSTLUDE

"Jesus, Be With Us" | *David Gambrell*

Jesus, be with us, help us each day
to follow the gospel, and live as we pray.
Send us your Spirit and show us your way.
Jesus, be with us today.

Where there is hunger and thirst in the land,
scatter the systems of greed.
Jesus, be with us, make use of our hands.
Lift up your people in need.

Where there is hatred because of our skin,
break down the walls of our fear.
Jesus, be with us to save us from sin.
In your great love, draw us near.

Where there are valleys of bones, dry as dust,
build up the body of Christ.
Jesus, be with us and help us to trust.
Teach us a new way of life.

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



Christ Be Beside Me

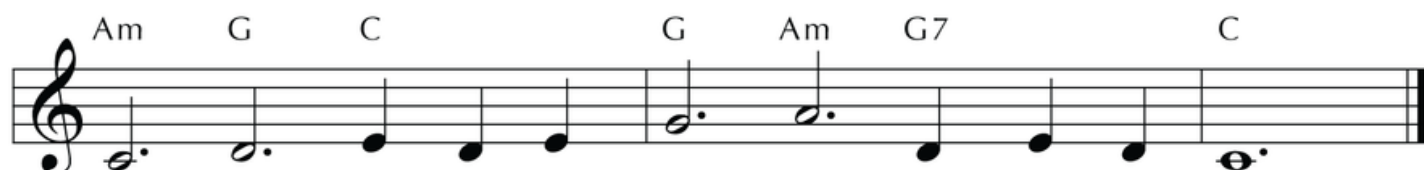
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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

IN WORSHIP

Some of our worshippers may recognize the tune of our opening hymn, No. 612 “We Praise You, O God,” as the Thanksgiving hymn “We Gather Together.” The author, Julia Cory (1882-1963), at the age of 19, was approached by J. Archer Gibson, organist of Brick Presbyterian Church in New York, to write a new text for “We Gather Together.” Gibson was hoping to use an alternate text to the traditional Thanksgiving hymn, which he felt was too militaristic. That hymn text is a celebration of the Netherlands’ freedom from the Spanish after a century of oppression and occupation. “We Praise You, O God” combines the present and past to give hope for the future. In stanza 1 we utter our praise and adoration. We praise God for God’s protection throughout our lives in stanza 2 (“through trial and tempest our guide you have been”). And in stanza 3, we go forward with God’s guiding hand - “With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.” About a year after Cory wrote this text, she was approached to write a stanza for Christmas, which she did:

*Thy love thou didst show us, thine only Son sending,
Who came as a babe and whose bed was a stall.
His blest life he gave us and then died to save us;
We praise Thee, O Lord, for thy gift to us all.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Krista Wright | *Liurgist, Cantor, Soloist*
Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Liturgist*

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Events and Announcements

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

It's a beautiful (summer) in the neighborhood! Summer Fun continues this Wednesday and there's still time to register your child or even sign up to volunteer! Scan the QR code or visit the website to learn more.



Theology on Tap | June 13, July 24, August 22 | 7:30 - 9:30 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. Pre-registration is not required but helpful!



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 June 16, and August 11. You're invited to bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and friends for these special services!

Youth Group Mini Golf | June 23rd | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Northminster Youth will meet on Sunday, June 23rd, at Pirate's Quest at Royal Pin Woodland (3421 E. 96th St.) for mini golf and dinner. The cost is \$15, which includes both activities. Bring friends! Contact Emma Moore with any questions.



Westminster Toilet Paper Donations | June

The Northminster Mission Team is collecting toilet paper to donate to our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Throughout the month of June, consider donating items by placing them in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place.



Back-to-School Supply Event | July 8th - 11th

Northminster is partnering with Second Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist to provide volunteers who can sort and pack school supplies during various shifts from Monday, July 8th - Thursday, July 11th. A sign-up will be available starting June 7th!

Northminster Court Watchers | July 21st | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as Court Watchers meet after worship on Sunday, July 21st to discuss their court experiences. If you're interested in learning more about court watchers, please contact Susan Holewinski or Karen Herbst-Kim.

Summer Church School Sign-Up

We're looking for volunteers to assist in our Nursery, Preschool, and Children's Church Classes from June-August 2024. Sign up by scanning the QR code to the right or email Melissa Hopkins to learn more about how you can volunteer.



Stewardship Book Influences

Don't forget to share the books that have influenced your stewardship (how you offer your time, talent, and treasure to help others). Scan the QR code to the right to learn more. It is up to you whether you share your name!



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

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Associate Pastor Emeritus

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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

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