



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost | June 23, 2024, 10:00 am

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship" | *HOLY MANNA*, arr. Brant Adams

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who has the wisdom to create the world?

**Only God, the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Who has the power to silence the storm?

**Only Jesus, the Word of God among us.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 22

"God of the Sparrow" | *ROEDER*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, forgive us.

We imagine that we can live without you,  
when you give us our very breath.

We seek to control others  
rather than strive to live in unity.

We allow fear to overtake us,  
even though our lives are in your hands.

Draw us back into your steadfast love  
and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus the Christ.

#### \*SILENT CONFESSION

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, the good news is this:  
grace is poured out like water;

**mercy flows like a never-ending stream,  
bathing us in goodness and love.**

Live, then as those who have received new life!

**We are forgiven!**

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



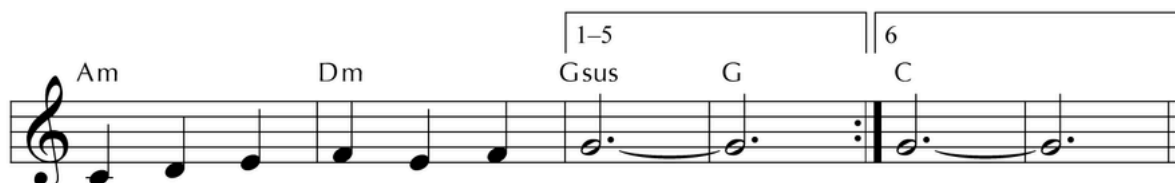
## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy

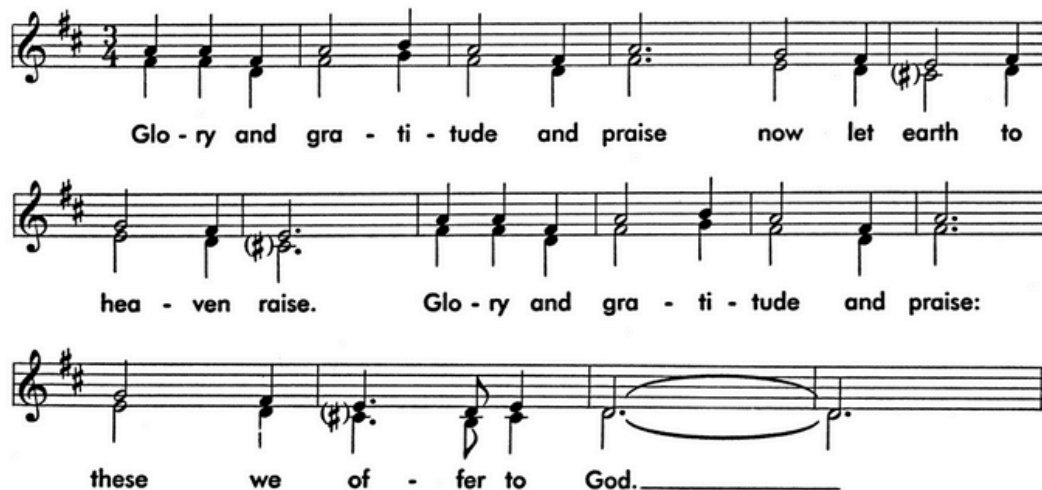


How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

## \*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

## FIRST LESSON | WRITINGS

Job 38:1 - 11 (p. 484)

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## SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 107:1 - 3, 23 - 32

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those God redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the mighty waters;  
**they saw the deeds of the Lord,  
God's wondrous works in the deep.**

For God commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
**They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their calamity;**

they reeled and staggered like drunkards  
and were at their wits' end.  
**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and God brought them out from their distress;**

God made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
**Then they were glad because they had quiet,  
and God brought them to their desired haven.**

Let them thank the Lord for steadfast love,  
for God's wonderful works to humankind.  
**Let them extol God in the congregation of the people  
and praise God in the assembly of the elders.**

## THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 4: 35 - 41 (p. 39)

## SERMON

"Storms and Summer Squalls" | *Brian Shivers*

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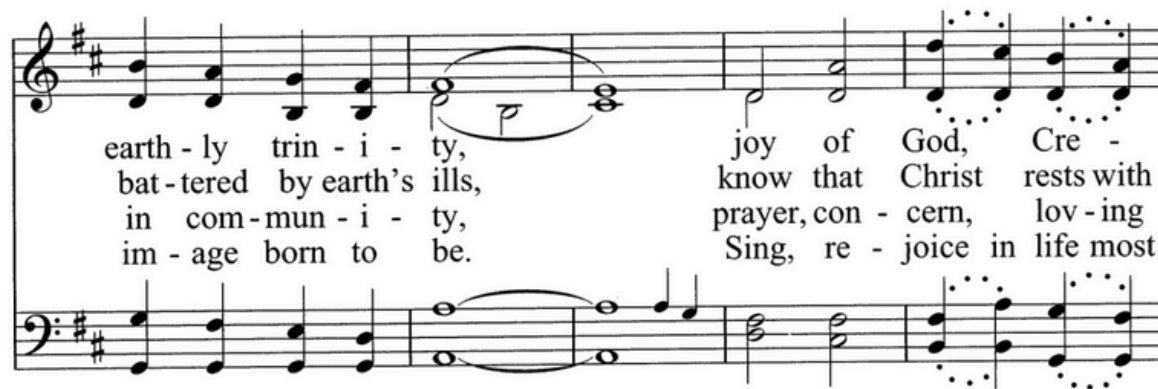
## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN

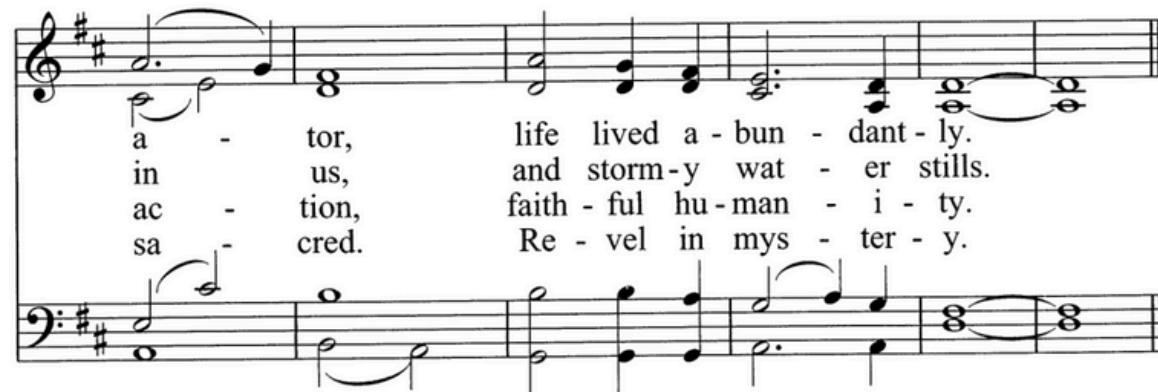
"Body, Mind and Spirit" | PARISH NURSING



1 Bo - dy, mind and spir - it, ho - ly,  
2 Bo - dy, mind and spir - it, chal-lenged,  
3 Bo - dy, mind and spir - it, nur - tured  
4 Bo - dy, mind and spir - it, in God's



earth - ly trin - i - ty,  
bat - tered by earth's ills,  
in com - mun - i - ty,  
im - age born to be.  
joy of God, Cre -  
know that Christ rests with  
prayer, con - cern, lov - ing  
Sing, re - joice in life most



a - tor, life lived a - bun - dant - ly.  
in us, and storm-y wat - er stills.  
ac - tion, faith - ful hu - man - i - ty.  
sa - cred. Re - vel in mys - ter - y.

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## 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

"Sonata da Chiesa", Mvmt. III | *Carl Smith*

### \*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. 463

"How Firm a Foundation" | *FOUNDATION*

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, now go into the world:  
dance, laugh, sing, and create.

**We go with the assurance of God's blessing.**

Go into the world:  
risk, explore, discover, and love.

**We go with the assurance of God's grace.**

Go into the world:  
believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**We go with the assurance of God's love.**

### POSTLUDE

"Voluntary" | *Georg Berg*

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

## IN WORSHIP

Today's first hymn, No. 22 "God of the Sparrow," was written by Jaroslav Vajda in 1983 at the request of Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Missouri, in celebration of their 110th anniversary. Vajda claims he regarded the invitation as "an opportunity to compose a hymn text exploring why and how God's creations (and children) are to serve him." The text is interesting in that there is no punctuation and there are twelve rhetorical questions. The composer of the hymn's music, Carl Schalk, has stated, "stanza 1 addresses God in nature's more beneficent aspects; stanza 2 addresses God in nature's more ominous dimensions; stanza 3 addresses God in the heart of the Gospel (rainbow, cross, empty grave, grace); stanzas 4 and 5 address God in the social and horizontal dimensions of the Gospel (hungry, sick, prodigal, neighbor); and the final stanza sums it all up (God of the ages and near at hand). The hymn is a good example of why one cannot pick and choose stanzas randomly. They make a complete whole."

This morning's final hymn, No. 463 "How Firm a Foundation," is one of the most popular hymns in the United States. The first stanza speaks of the foundation of Christian life as being rooted in God's Word. The subsequent stanzas are paraphrases from both the Old and New Testaments. As we sing the hymn, we are assured that when we face difficulties and dangers, as we know we must, we are not alone but supported by One whose strength will enable us to bear whatever is demanded.

### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organ*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Timothy Clinch | *Oboe*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Youth Group Mini Golf | Today | 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Northminster Youth will meet today 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.

## **Theology on Tap | July 24th & August 22nd | 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 at Blind Owl Brewery (5014 E. 62nd St) on July 24th. Pre-registration is not required but helpful!

## **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 is now available using the QR code!



## **Youth Group Lake Day | July 12th | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm**

Join us for a day in and around Grandview Lake hosted by the Ronco Family! We'll provide lunch and have you back to Northminster in time for dinner. Bring a towel, suit, sunscreen, and whatever else you need for a day of water and sun!

## **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.

## **Outdoor Worship & Lunch | August 11th**

Outdoor worship returns to Ralston Commons on August 11th. Lunch will be provided following the worship service and you're invited to bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and friends for this special service!

## **IPS Volunteer Background Checks**

Complete your background check to volunteer this year! IPS requires all volunteers to complete a background check even if they've completed one before. If you need technical help with the form, help will be provided on 6/30 and 7/7.



## **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](https://northminster.church/events)*

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## 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

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at [northminster.church/newsletter](http://northminster.church/newsletter)

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