



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday After Pentecost | June 22, 2025, 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65, I. Con Moto Maestoso" | *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

* OPENING SENTENCES

When we long for your presence,
you are there with us, O source of comfort.

When we face dangers and perils,
you are there for us, O source of strength.

When we need to do justice,
you are there within us, O source of courage.

So we come with songs and praises,
**that all the ends of the earth
and all the families of the nations
may know of your love.
Let us praise God!**

* HYMN NO. 410

"God Is Calling through the Whisper" | *W ZLOBIE LEZY*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we have harmed your children whom you love.
Because we do not understand them,
we segregate them,
we reject them,
we demonize them,
and we hurt them.

Forgive us, in your infinite love,
and teach us to welcome all of your children
until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy.
Help us to understand others
as we wish to be understood.
Guide us to love one another as you love us.



410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!



This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

*** SILENT CONFESSION**

*** DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, this is the truth:
You are not the labels others place on you.
You are more than the boxes you check.
You are not the side of the aisle on which you stand,
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to Christ and Christ alone.

Believe this good news – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings!

*** RESPONSE**

“We Are Forgiven” | Hal Hopson



*** 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

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International)

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | HISTORY

1 Kings 19: 1-7 | OT p. 326

SOLO

"It Is Enough" (from *Elijah*) | *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,
for I am not better than my fathers!
I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity.
I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts,
for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant,
and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets,
slain them with the sword.
And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away!
It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life,
for I am not better than my fathers!
Now let me die, Lord, take away my life!

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!
For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?
**Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?**

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
**let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.**
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
**and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God, for I shall again give praise,
my help and my God.**

THIRD LESSON | HISTORY

1 Kings 19: 8-15 | OT p. 326

SERMON

"Wind, Earthquake, and Fire" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"He Comes to Us as One Unknown" | REPTON



1. He comes to us as one un-known, A
2. He comes when souls in si-lence lie And
3. He comes to us in sound of seas, The
4. He comes in love as once he came By
5. He comes in truth when faith is grown; Be -



breath un-seen, un-heard; As though with-in a
thoughts of day de-part; Half seen up-on the
o-cean's fume and foam; Yet small and still up -
flesh and blood and birth; To bear with-in our
lieved, o-beyed, a-dored: The Christ in all the



heart of stone, Or shriv-eled seed in dark-ness sown, A
in-ward eye, A fall-ing star a-cross the sky Of
on the breeze, A wind that stirs the tops of trees, A
mor-tal frame A life, a death, a sav-ing Name, For
scrip-tures shown, As yet un-seen, but not un-known, Our



pulse of be-ing stirred, A pulse of be-ing stirred.
night with-in the heart, Of night with-in the heart.
voice to call us home, A voice to call us home.
ev-'ry child of earth, For ev-'ry child of earth.
Sav-ior and our Lord, Our Sav-ior and our Lord.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church accept these Deacons and Ruling Elders as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

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

OFFERTORY

"Symphony No. 5, Op. 42, IV. Adagio" | Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

* 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. 169**

"Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind" | *REST*

(Worshippers are invited to sing the first line as "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind")

*** BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the holy Trinity, one God,
bless you and keep you,
now and forever.

**Let us live in hope, love with mercy, and leave no stone unturned
in our calling as one of God's disciples.**

For as often as you heed the word of the Lord,
you are turned toward what is good and beautiful.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65, II. Andante Tranguillo" | *Felix Mendelssohn*

169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11-12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, No. 410 "God is Calling through the Whisper," is based on the traditional Polish carol, W ZLOBIE LEZY. The text, written by Mary Louise Bringle (born 1953), is built on the theme of "calling." It points out how God's call may not come to us in literal words but may appear in the beauties of art and nature, or in recognizing a need we are especially well-equipped to address. In the first stanza, we find two important biblical illustrations of God's subtle call. The "whisper" recalls the "still small voice" through which God calls to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:12 (today's Old Testament lesson). The "Spirit's deepest sighs" recall the Spirit's "sighs too deep for words" described by Paul in Romans 8:26. Mary Louise Bringle (Mel) is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College, Brevard, North Carolina. She considers herself "a teacher at heart and a theologian by training" (with a Ph.D. from Emory University). Bringle has won a number of international hymn-writing competitions since 1999, and her texts are included in several publications of various denominations, including Roman Catholic, Mennonite, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Presbyterian USA, Episcopalian, United Church of Canada, and Church of Scotland. She served as chair of the committee that created our hymnal, *Glory to God*, published in 2013.

The hymn that follows the sermon, "He Comes to Us as One Unknown," remembers the cosmic Christ, the Lord who is Lord of all, the first and last. However, the text also points to the Lord Jesus, who walked the dusty paths of Galilee, bringing the message of the coming Kingdom of God to the people of Israel. The Christ of faith and the Jesus of history are the same, and this idea has inspired several hymn writers throughout the ages. The first stanza was written by Albert Schweitzer from his 1910 book, *The Quest of the Historical Jesus*. The remaining stanzas were written by Bishop of the Church of England and prolific hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024), who wrote some 400 hymns. The tune RESTON was composed by the late Romantic British organist and composer, Sir C. Hubert Parry (1848-1918).

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Samuel Spade | *Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

Youth Group: Indianapolis Indians Game | June 24th | 6:30 pm

Join us for an Indianapolis Indians Game! Northminster will cover the cost of tickets, just bring money for \$1 concessions night! Learn more and RSVP using the QR code or by visiting our website.

Questions? Contact Emma Moore for more details!



Summer Fun 2025 | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:00 pm

Registration is now open for Summer Fun: Living Waters of the World! Scan the QR code or visit our website to register your child and join us each Wednesday in June to learn about the importance of clean water around the world.



June Mission Team Collection: Napkins, Sponges, Brillo Pads

Throughout the month of June, the Mission Team is collecting large packages of napkins, kitchen sponges, and Brillo pads to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place! Scan the QR code to also see an Amazon list of items needed for apartment restocking.



Youth Group: Lake Day | July 9th | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm

Youth are invited to join us to spend the day in and around Grandview Lake, hosted by the Ronco Family! Learn more about what to bring and RSVP by using the QR code or visiting our events page. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Moore.



Back to School Supply Sorting | July 14th | 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Join us as we prepare supplies and backpacks for Washington Township students as they head back to school! Volunteers are needed to sort, organize, and pack supplies. Scan the QR code to learn more, get directions, and sign up today!



Religious Art and Faith | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays | 8:00 - 9:30 am

Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast, led by Jerry Gray, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through July 16th as they contemplate a painting of one of the Masters and how they express a biblical scene. No registration or fee is required, and no preparation is needed before attending any meeting.



Northminster Weekend Camping Trip | August 22nd - 24th

The 2025 NPC Camping Trip is returning at Shades State Park! We'll gather from Friday evening until Sunday morning for food, fellowship, hiking, camping, worship, and fun. Registration and more information is available through the QR code. All are welcome!



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Tony Dzwonar <i>Stephen Ministry Leader</i>	Rod Mail <i>Stephen Ministry Leader</i>		

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

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