



# 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 29, 2025, 10:00 am*

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*"March for Trumpet and Organ" | Craig Phillips (b. 1961)*

#### \* OPENING SENTENCES

In the calm waters of the ponds  
and the bouncing waters of the rivers,  
**you make a path, O God of wonders.**

In the playful waters of the streams  
that shape every rock  
and the furious waters of the whirlwinds coming down,  
**you make a path, O God of wonders.**

We come to praise God,  
knowing that in the quiet  
and in the chaos of our lives,  
**you will make a path.**  
**Let us worship God!**

#### \* HYMN NO. 39

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | FAITHFULNESS*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and caring God,  
we come before you acknowledging our sin.  
We come to you with the hope of your restoration.  
We walk with our heads held high,  
without noticing others and their burdens.  
We keep our mouths silenced when our words could liberate others.  
We become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world  
that we do nothing to overcome them.  
  
Free us from the destruction of sin  
and restore us to a life lived in you.  
Fill us with your peace and your mercy.



## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

**\* SILENT CONFESSION**

**\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ, peace is among us.

Peace comes from God.

We know peace because God restores us to wholeness.

We are not alone in our journey of life.

Therefore, peace to you, my siblings in Christ!

**In Jesus Christ we know we have received forgiveness,  
and we have been restored.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**\* 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**

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 | NT p. 190-191, Spark Bible p. 550

## SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20



I re - mem - ber your deeds, O my God. \_\_\_\_\_

## THIRD LESSON | HISTORY

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 | OT p. 332-333

## SERMON

"Cross the River" | *Brian Shivers*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN NO. 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins" | NOEL

## 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

"Prayer of St. Gregory" | *Alan Hovhanness (1911-2000)*

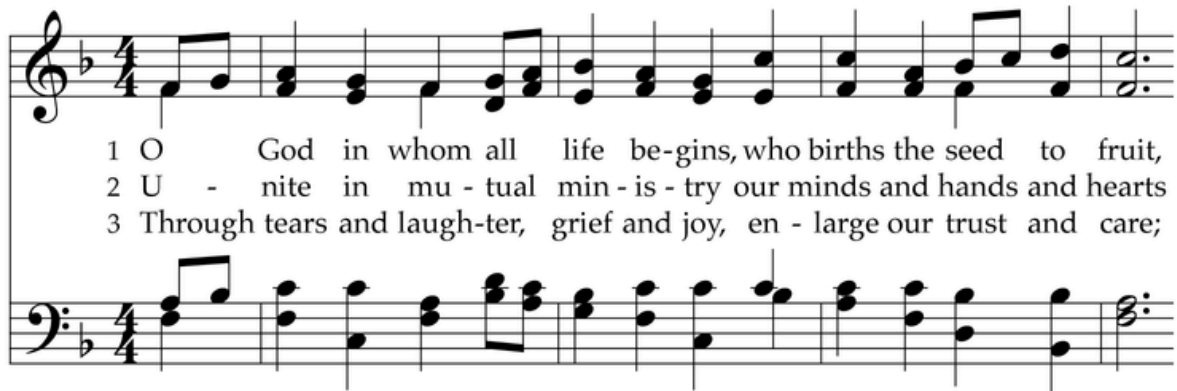
### \* DOXOLOGY

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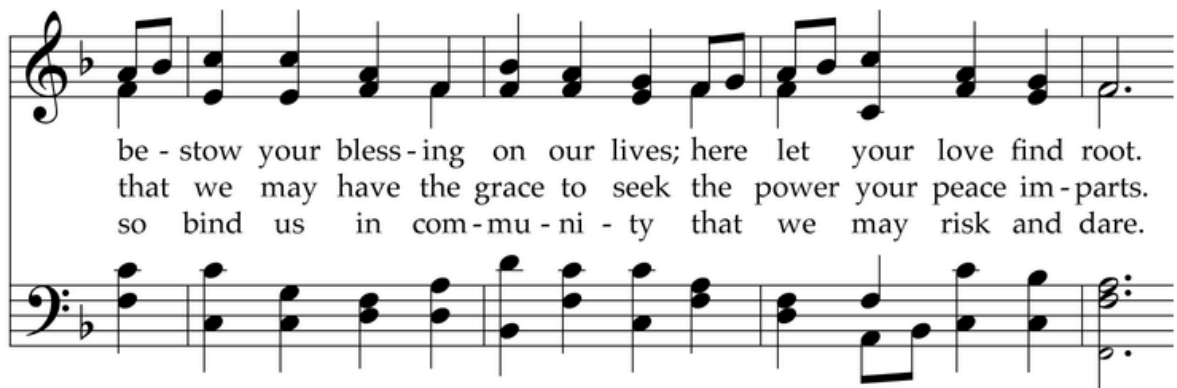
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



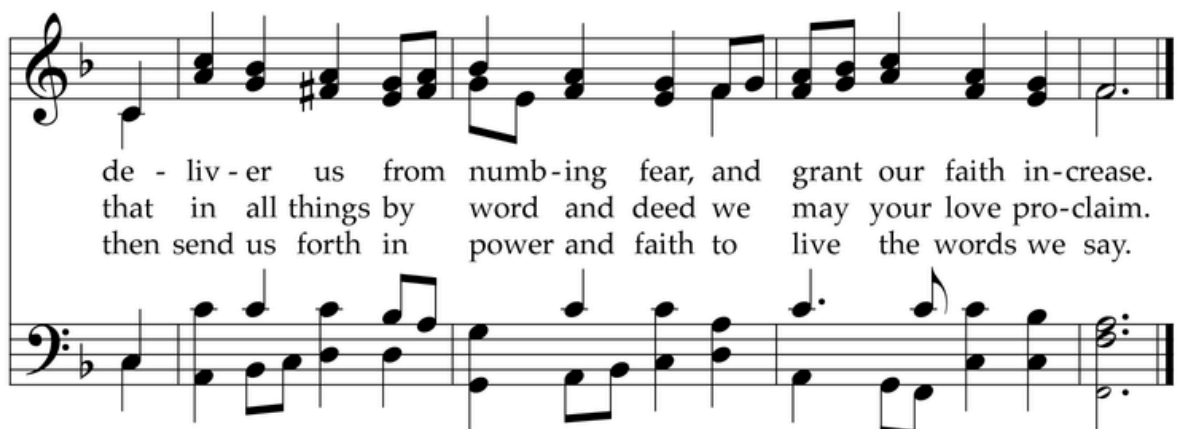
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### \* HYMN NO. 434

“Restore in Us, O God” | *BAYLOR*

### \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Walk in the fruit of the Spirit,  
give thanks to God in all circumstances.

**We will call to mind the many deeds of God  
and meditate on God’s wonderful works.**

As those who belong to Jesus Christ,  
bear witness to the realm of God and share it.

**God walks with us on our daily journey,  
and makes a path for us through deep waters.**

God grants freedom to those who love,  
who walk in faithfulness all their days.

**We accept the prophet’s mantle to empower us.  
We receive the Spirit’s gifts to guide us.**

### POSTLUDE

“Allegro con spirito” | *Johan Helmich Roman (1694-1758)*

# Restore in Us, O God

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1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
from fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flower.  
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
that we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

This text reflects the historic understanding of Lent as a time to prepare catechumens for Baptism and penitents for reconciliation at the Easter Vigil. The first three stanzas address one of the three divine Persons, while the fourth stanza implores the help of the full Trinity.

## IN WORSHIP

This morning's Psalm – Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 presents two different themes. First, in verses 1-2, the psalmist makes clear that they have been trying without success to make contact with God during the day, and in the night the pain is more intense. The psalmist's hands are stretched out in prayer, like a person drowning, reaching for help ("by night my hands were spread out in prayer without ceasing, my soul refused all comfort"). The mood changes at verse 11. The writer's attention turns to the mighty acts of God in the past – "But then I remember what the Lord has done and call to mind the wonders of old." Verses 14 and 15 recall God's deliverance of the people in the events of the exodus (Exodus 19-20). When God appeared at that time, it was an act of deliverance of the Israelites from the power of the Egyptians. Nature was involved as well. The language is poetic, personalizing powers of nature: the waters saw God, were afraid, and trembled. A mighty storm rose, with lightning, thunder, and high winds. God leading Israel out of Egypt is pictured as a shepherd leading a flock ("You led your people like sheep"). The path went right through the sea with God as the leader, yet no footprints could be seen ("Your path was in the sea... and your footprints were not seen").

The subject of today's Offertory, "Prayer of St. Gregory," is St. Gregory the Illuminator, who brought Christianity to Armenia in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. The composer, Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000), called it "a prayer in darkness," and depicts Gregory's prayers from prison, where he spent 12 years. The piece begins with organ alone softly, then trumpet enters in the same manner, playing expressive slow phrases. As Gregory begins to pray fervently, the trumpet plays a more forte dynamic. The melody ascends and crescendos. Several measures later, the trumpet re-enters and wanes in energy, with notes moving in a descending motion with softer dynamics as if Gregory's prayers fade around the prison walls. Alan Hovhaness was one of the most prolific composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Composing over 500 works, he wrote symphonies, choral works, ballets, operas and chamber music. In the 1940s he developed a keen interest in Eastern philosophies and Armenian culture, which influenced his compositions. He began playing organ at an Armenian church and learned the Armenian language.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organ*  
Allen Miller | *Trumpet*  
John Wright | *Cantor*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Keep Indy Home Feedback Forum | Today | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

If you attended the Keep Indy Home Rally on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Light of the World Christian Church, we would like your feedback on the event! The Indy Action Coalition needs your ideas to continue to move forward. We'll meet this morning in the boardroom following worship.

## **July Mission Team Collection: Canned Vegetables**

The Mission Team is collecting canned vegetables for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services, for the month of July! Help us restock the low shelves at Westminster by donating in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

## **Youth Group: Lake Day | July 9<sup>th</sup> | 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 14<sup>th</sup> | 8:00 am - 5:00 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 or visit our events page to learn more and sign up today!



## **Religious Art and Faith | July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> | 8:00 - 9:30 am**

Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast, led by Jerry Gray, on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> as they continue their series on Religious Art and Faith. We'll contemplate a painting by one of the Masters and how they express a biblical scene. No registration or necessary preparation is required!



## **Kenya Trip Informational Meeting | August 3<sup>rd</sup> | 11:15 am - 12:15 am**

NPC will travel to Kenya in June 2026 to visit and learn from our friends and long-time partners at The Umoja Partnership! Learn more by scanning the QR code and filling out the interest form. Please plan to attend the informational meeting on August 3rd!



## **Save the Date: Outdoor Worship and Picnic | August 17<sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am**

Get those lawn chairs ready because outdoor worship is back on Sunday, August 17th, and includes a picnic lunch! More information will be available on our events page, and registration will open on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee for lunch, but a free-will offering is encouraged!

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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.

## 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](https://northminster.church/prayer)

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