



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time | July 23, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Karen Herbst-Kim

PRELUDE

"Sonata for Oboe in G minor (III. Tempo giusto, V. Allegro) | Georg P. Telemann (1681 – 1767); Leonid Sirotkin, Oboe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

God guides us every moment of every day.

Rock of Israel, you are not bound
by our visions, our structures, our doctrine.

**We cannot predict your coming or going,
yet you have given us
your story, your family, your work to do.**

Meet us here. Lead us in your way.

Shape us for service in your world.

Let your light shine within us and among us.

*HYMN NO. 405

"Praise God for this Holy Ground" | HEYMONSTRAAT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Brian Shivers

Ever-present God,
there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best.
There is much we would hide from you -
the ways we harm your creation,
the ways we mistreat others,
the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.

Even as you know us, forgive us.
Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,
that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

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



Praise God for This Holy Ground 405



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
2 Praise God in whose word we find
3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
all are loved and called God's own.
rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the word of the Lord.

God says you are my own, you are beloved, you are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings!

*WE ARE FORGIVEN

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



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

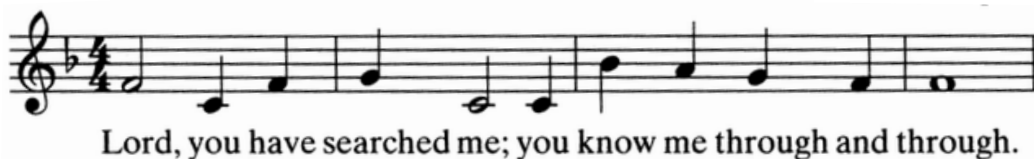
(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24; John Wright, Cantor



SECOND LESSON | TORAH

Genesis 28: 10-19a (p. 25)

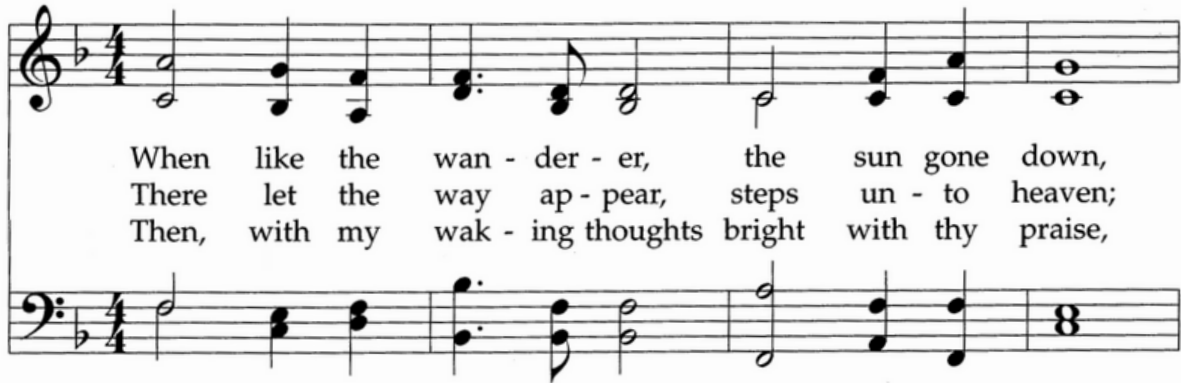
SERMON

"God of Blessings" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

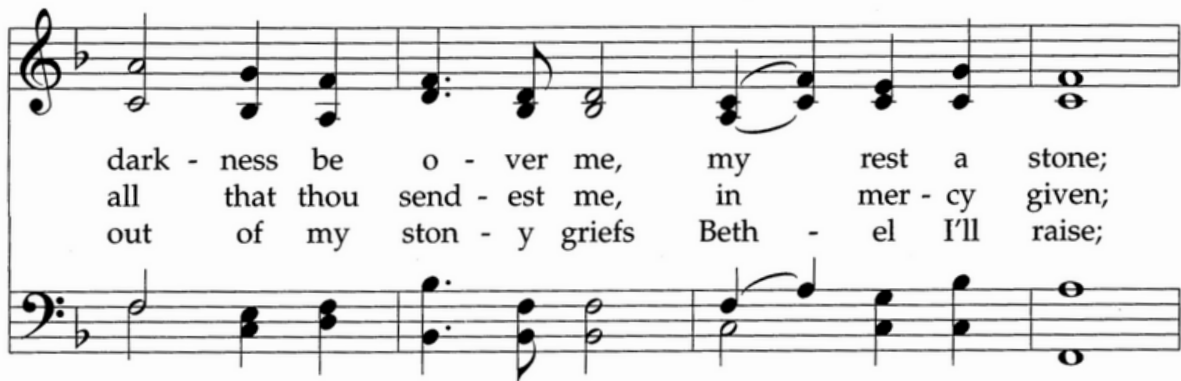
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

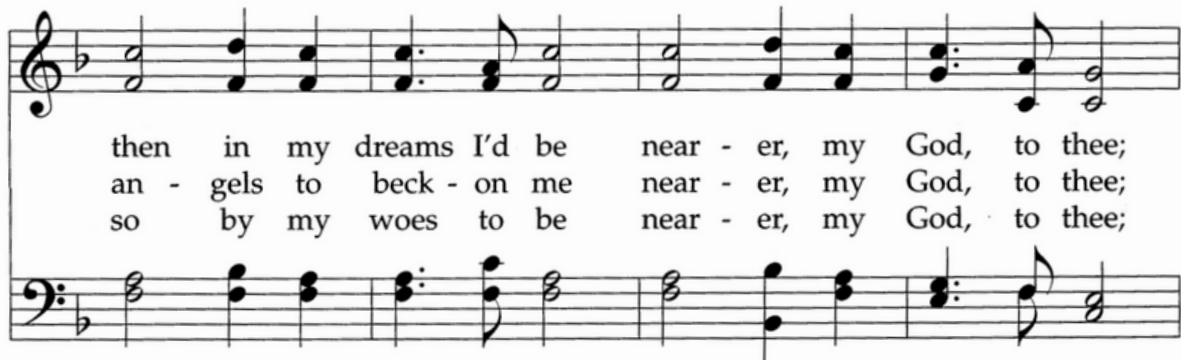
"Nearer, My God, to Thee" | *BETHANY*



When like the wan - der - er, the sun gone down,
There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heaven;
Then, with my wak - ing thoughts bright with thy praise,



dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;
all that thou send - est me, in mer - cy given;
out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;



then in my dreams I'd be near - er, my God, to thee;
an - gels to beck - on me near - er, my God, to thee;
so by my woes to be near - er, my God, to thee;



near - er, my God, to thee, near - er to thee!



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

"LOBE DEN HERREN and HYFRYDOL" | arr. Brant Adams (b. 1956)

*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. 547

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing " | AR HYD Y NOS

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

God be in our head and in our understanding.

God be in our eyes and in our looking.

God be in our mouth and in our speaking.

God be in our hearts and in our thinking.

God be at our end and at our departing.

Now go in peace as the reaffirmed church of Jesus Christ.

We go to be Christ's body in a broken world.

We go with the grace of God and the love of Christ.

Amen. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Sontata in C Major for Oboe and Organ (Movement IV)" | Jean Baptiste Loeillet (1688-1720)



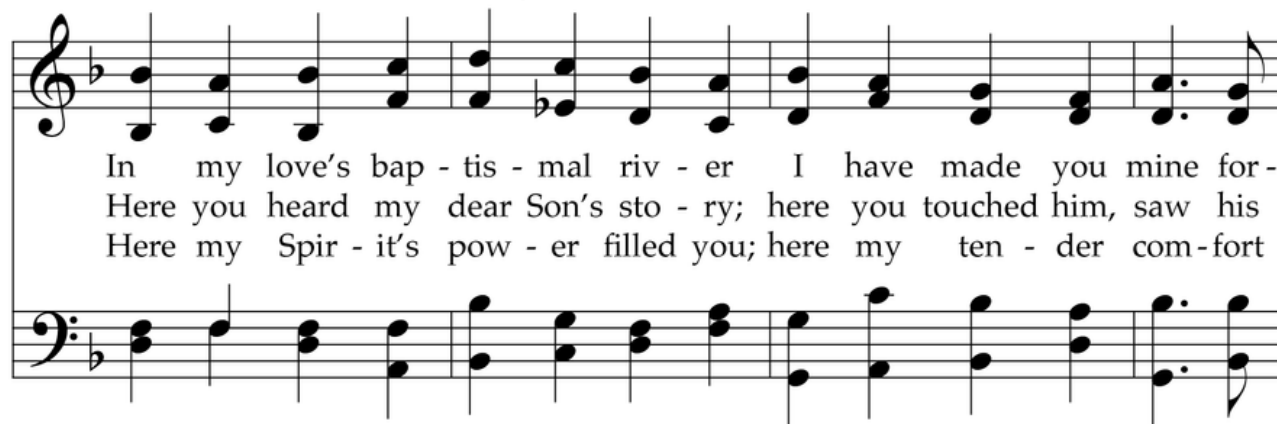
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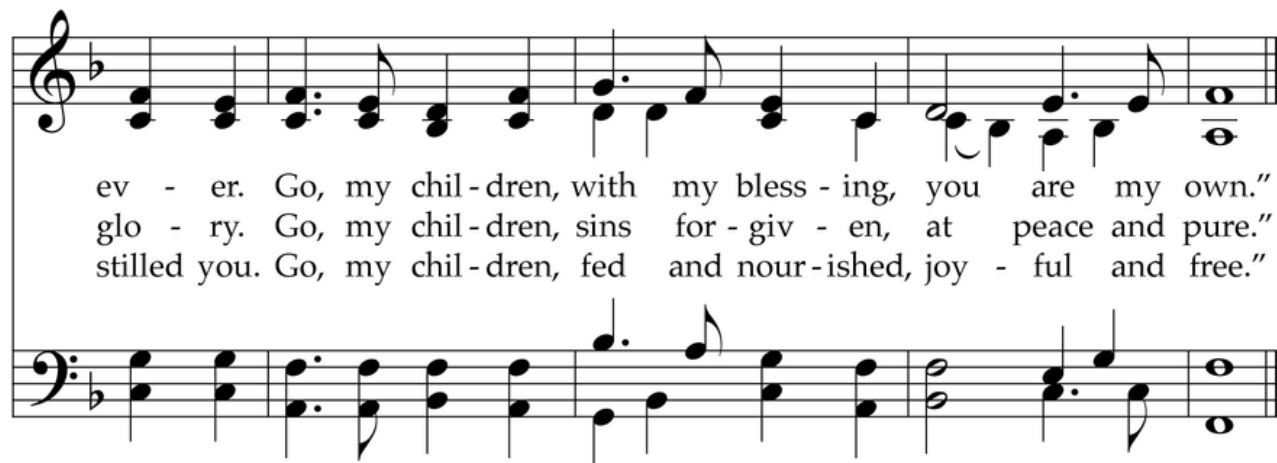
1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, No. 139, is a profound prayer asking God to examine the psalmist's heart. It recognizes God's intimate knowledge of our lives ("You know when I rise up, you read my thoughts, you are acquainted with all my ways"). In a sense, the psalm is a "creation psalm" in that it speaks of God creating a human. The psalm suggests "You created me," and it reminds us that humans are not mass-produced but custom-made. A rather personal Psalm, it speaks about the God who is everywhere present and yet who knows me, leads me, and holds me.

This morning we welcome oboist Leonid Sirotkin. He is Principal Oboe in the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and a member of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Des Moines Metro Opera Orchestra. A native of St. Petersburg, Russia, Mr. Sirotkin served for almost a decade as principal English horn with the Kirov Opera and Symphony Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theater. In the United States, he has performed with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Iowa Opera, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Colorado Springs Philharmonic. Mr. Sirotkin teaches oboe at DePauw University and Anderson University, and is active as a private instructor and chamber music coach. In 2010, he was featured on the American Public Media radio program "Performance Today." He is also a published author, completing, in 2000, *Orchestral Excerpts for Oboe and English Horn from Operas and Ballets by Tchaikovsky*. Leonid Sirotkin has played as a soloist and orchestra member several times at Northminster and we are delighted he is back with us today.

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Events and Announcements

Middle School: Pottery-By-You | Today | 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Middle schoolers are invited to join us this afternoon to paint their own pottery! Friends are welcome and we will depart from the church at 1:30 pm (or you can meet us there) and return at 4:30 pm. Scan the QR code for more information.



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 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for worship outside on Ralston Commons and be sure to stay following the service for a neighborhood dedication of the space including lunch, music, and activities! Use the QR code to RSVP.



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.



Northminster Housing Advocates | Jul. 30 | 11:15 am

Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month after church to discuss their court experiences. Please note that next month, we will be meeting on August 30th. Contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

Wednesday Nights at NPC Returns | Aug. 30 | 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for the return on Wednesday Nights at Northminster on Wednesday, August 30th! Join us each Wednesday for food, fellowship, and discussions on how to learn and grow in your faith.



One Church, One Book | Now Through Sep. 12

One Church, One Book is an all-church exploration of Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond. Folks are invited to start reading now and participate in several discussions from August 30th through September 12th. Learn more on the next page!



Northminster Presents: Mike Weddle | Sep. 13 | 6:00 pm

Save the date for Northminster Presents: Mike Weddle on Wednesday, September 13th! Mike is our guest speaker from Lasting Change and will be speaking on creating a Media-Safe Home. More information will be available soon.

Congo Family Donations

Help support our friends from the Congo who are resettling in the U.S. by donating items of need! Join with the deacons to support the Bilemo/Kangeta family of six adults and one toddler. Use the QR code to see an updating list of items.



One Church, One Book

One Church, One Book is an all-church exploration of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond. You're invited to read the book between now and September 12th and participate in one of several conversation opportunities below!

As a Matthew 25 congregation concerned with the elimination of systemic poverty, Desmond's book will assist us in gaining understanding and developing possibilities for action. Books will be sold in the Gathering Place on Sundays April 30th, May 7th, and May 14th for \$20.

Opportunities for discussion will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, August 30th | 6:00 p.m.
Board Room and Zoom

Thursday, August 31st | 12:00 pm
Gathering Place (bring your lunch)

Wednesday, September 6th | 6:00 p.m.
Board Room and Zoom

Sunday, September 10th | 11:30 am
Calvin Hall

Tuesday, September 12th | 12:00 pm
Gathering Place (bring your lunch)

Tuesday, September 12th | 5:00 pm
Preceding Deacons Meeting in Calvin Hall

Wednesday, September 20th | 6:00 p.m.
Board Room and Zoom

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