



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time | July 30, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

GATHERING SONG

"Neither Death nor Life" | Marty Haugen (b. 1950); Katie Ray, Soprano

Refrain

Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor

trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei-ther height, nor

depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us from the

love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises;
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and God's strength;
seek God's presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments.

O offspring of God's servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

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



***HYMN NO. 33**

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show" | *LLANFAIR*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Karen Herbst-Kim

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Spirit, intercede . . .

when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Spirit, intercede . . .

when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

Spirit, intercede . . .

break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never feel separate from you again.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, if God is for us, who is against us?

Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do,
is enough to separate us from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.

Hear this good news and be glad: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings!

***WE ARE FORGIVEN**

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

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

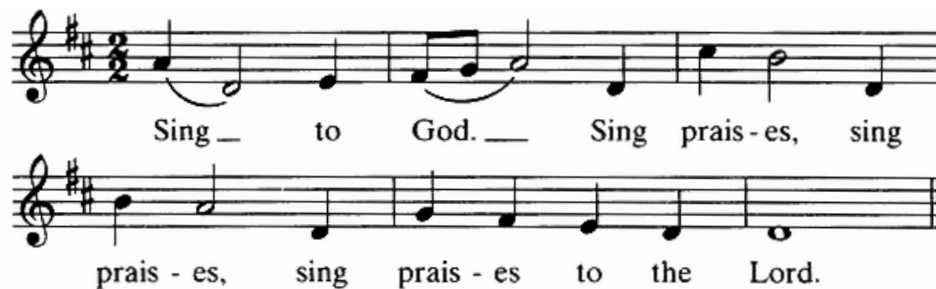
(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 105: 1-11; Hal Hopson (b. 1927); Katie Ray, Cantor



SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Romans 8: 26-39 (p. 158)

SERMON

"Not One Thing or Even All of Them" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8: 1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (from *Messiah*) | George F. Handel (1685-1759);
Katie Ray, Soprano

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

(Romans 8: 31, 33-34)

*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

"On Silken, Soft Wings" | *SILKEN WINGS*

1. On silk - en, soft wings our first prayers a - rise, as
2. Where yearn - ing hearts dream, though no joy ap - pears, and
3. When mourn - ing doves call as shad - ows in - crease, and

sil - ver dawn sings through lu - mi - nous skies: O Spir - it,
burn - ing hopes gleam through crys - tal - line tears: O Spir - it,
wan - ing life draws to long - prom - ised peace: O Spir - it,

pray for us now, in fath - om - less sighs. And
pray for us still, give wings to our fears. And
pray for us yet, to bless and re - lease. And

all shall be well. And all things shall be well.
all shall be well. And all things shall be well.
all shall be well. And all things shall be well.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God, who searches the heart,
Jesus, whose love overcomes all division,
and the Spirit, which helps us in our weakness,
continue to lead us into life
so that we may serve with abandon and joy.

Alleluia!

Now go from this place in adoration of Christ and in the confidence that
nothing can ever separate us from the love of Christ.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on LLANFAIR" | Marko Petričić

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers on the east side are in honor of Jim and Carol Mann's 45th wedding anniversary.

The flowers on the west side are in memory of Cathy Lord.

Especially today, on the anniversary of her death, we remember and give thanks for Cathy Lord. She is ever present in the memory of her family and this congregation.

Glory to God who claims us in life and in death through baptism and who joins us to the communion of saints. "He leadeth me beside the still waters. . . and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23) Memory Eternal.

-Bill, Jennifer, and Loui



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's gathering song, "Neither Death nor Life," connects with our Epistle lesson, Romans 8: 26 – 39. The refrain we sing is a paraphrase of the last verse of the passage: "I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created." The composer of the song is Minnesota native Marty Haugen (born 1950). A liturgical composer, workshop presenter, performing and recording artist, Haugen has presented hundreds of workshops and concerts across North and Central America, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific Rim. He has written many hymns and songs published by the Roman Catholic, United Methodist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian churches, as well as the United Church of Canada, the Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Mennonite Brethren, and the Church of Christ. Glory to God contains 13 of his hymns. The five verses of "Neither Death nor Life" are as follows:

Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life.

All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved.

All of the suff'ring we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free

All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope.

Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

Psalm 105: 1 – 11 reminds us that God keeps the promises that God has made, and this is cause for praise. The first six verses call on "Jacob's offspring" to give the Lord thanks and then, in the same breath, to "make known his deeds among the peoples." Verses 7 – 11 assure the people that the Lord will remember ("is mindful of") his covenant.



Events and Announcements

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 experiences. Please contact Susan Holewinski for more information.

Ralston Commons Dedication | Next Sunday, 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 today.



Fair Housing Center's "Unwelcome" Exhibit | Aug. 4 - 31

The Unwelcome exhibit covers systemic barriers that have impacted today's Indianapolis neighborhoods through various, housing discrimination. Located in the Gathering Place and ramp, tour during regular building hours!



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.



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.



Wednesday Dinner Cooks Needed | Aug. 30

We have two openings for the coming fall season beginning August 30! Menus are available and you will be oriented. Cook teams are 2-3 people that rotate each week of the month. For more information contact Mary Beth Riner or Elle Keppler.

One Church, One Book | Now Through Sep. 20

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 20th.



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.



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