



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost | July 21, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in E Minor" | *Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From near and far we gather;

the house of God is our home.

Here we are no longer strangers;

as the body of Christ we are one.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation" | *AURELIA*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

your steadfast love endures forever.

We confess that we act as if we are in control,

as if you will bless whatever we do.

If we think of others at all,

it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us.

We have failed to show your love

or to do justice in obedience to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Use us to break down the walls of hostility

within the church,

among the nations,

and around the world.

Equip us to do your will,

giving you glory, honor and praise.

*SILENT CONFESSION

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



The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Jesus Christ gives us rest and peace.

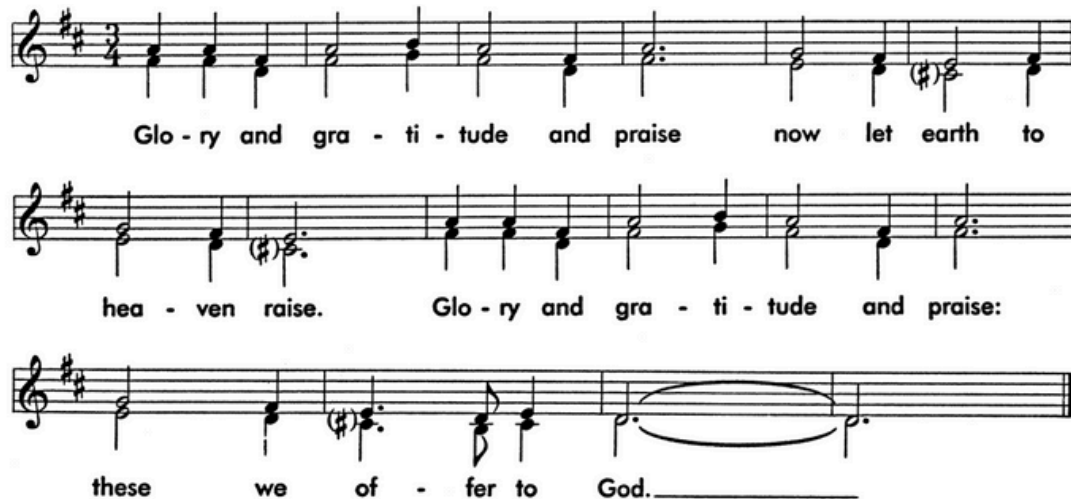
We are forgiven through his healing touch.

Know that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings!

*RESPONSE

"Glory and Gratitude and Praise" | IONA COMMUNITY



*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 | PROPHET

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 (p. 725)

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalms 23



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



THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

Ephesians 2: 11-22 (p. 192-193)

SERMON

"Being Made One" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Christian unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force.

This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

That we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

(from the *Belhar Confession*, PCUSA)

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)

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



OFFERTORY

"We All Believe in One God" BWV 680 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | OLD 100th

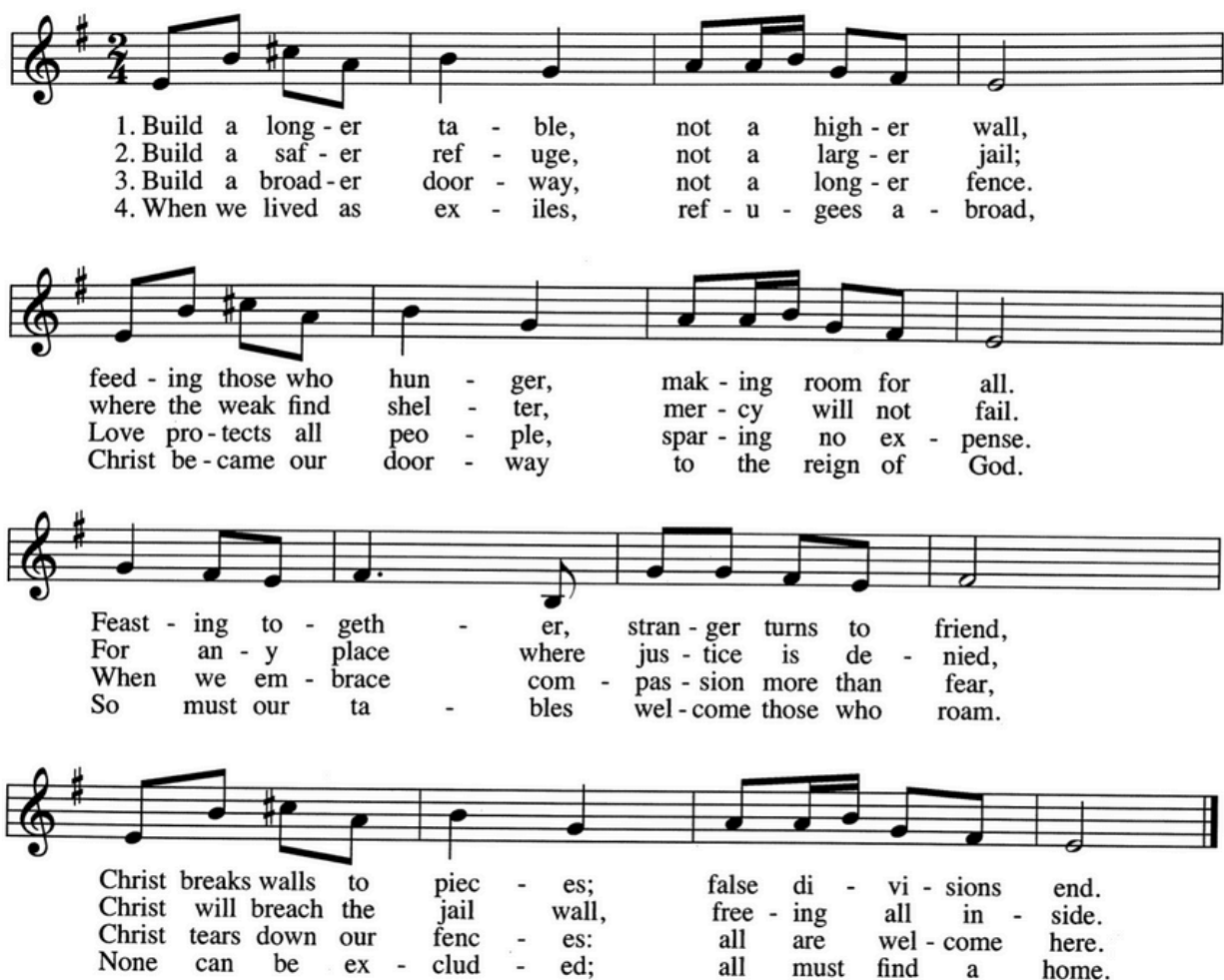
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all peoples here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore:
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Build a Longer Table" | NOEL NOUVELET



1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, stran - ger turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

*For those who are able, please stand.



*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;
may Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing;
and may the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

Together, let us seek out our neighbors in love,
let us hunger and thirst for Christ Jesus,
and let him dwell in our minds and hearts.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

“A Gaelic Blessing” | John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's final hymn, “Build a Longer Table,” was written by David Bjorlin in 2017 for the hymn collection *Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality to Refugees and Immigrants*. The text encourages us to seek open doors rather than defaulting to closed ones and is an affirmation of today's Epistle lesson, Ephesians 2: 11 – 22. The accompanying melody is the 15th-century French tune NOEL NOUVELET. Mr. Bjorlin is the Assistant Professor of Worship at North Park Theological Seminary and Pastor of Worship and Creative Arts at Resurrection Covenant Church in Chicago. He received his PhD in History and Hermeneutics (liturgical studies) from Boston University School of Theology. His interests include congregational song, liturgical language, and worship's role in spiritual and ethical formation.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | Pastor
Marko Petričić | Organ
Krista Wright | Cantor
Molly Auer | Liturgist
Grayson Auer | Liturgist

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Events and Announcements

Northminster Court Watchers | Today | 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.

Westminster School Supplies Donations | Today

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies for Westminster: index cards, pencil sharpeners, pink erasers, packs of college-rule loose-leaf paper for high school students. Our goal is to collect 300 of each!

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 is helpful!



2025 Kenya Trip Interest Meeting | July 28th | 11:15 am

Are you interested in learning more about the Umoja Partnership with a trip to Kenya in 2025? Please plan to attend an interest/informational meeting on Sunday, July 28th following worship. Contact Karen Herbst-Kim with questions.

Youth Group Volunteers Needed! | Sundays | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Weekly youth group picks back up in August! We will need adult volunteers to support from week-to-week. Please email Emma Moore at emoore@northminster-indy.org if interested. Volunteers will need to complete a satisfactory background check.

Youth Group at the State Fair | August 4th | 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Youth are invited to join us at the Indiana State Fair! We'll meet at the Shannon home, then walk to the fairgrounds. Admission is free for youth so bring extra money for food, games, or rides. Parents are welcome! Contact Emma Moore for details.



Youth Group Pop-Up Pantry | August 10th | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

We will help load the Westminster bus with groceries and hygiene items to distribute to neighbors at a popup location in the city. Scan the QR code or visit our website's events page to learn more! Contact Emma Moore with any questions.



Outdoor Worship & Lunch | August 11th

Outdoor worship at Northminster returns on August 11th! You're invited to bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and friends for this special service. Lunch will be provided following worship and registration will soon be available to help us plan food.

Save the Date: Day of Caring | September 15th

Save the date! The 2024 Day of Caring is coming soon with more information to follow. A sign-up for jobs will soon be available and if you have any questions, please contact Beth Cornelius for more information.

Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Stephen Ministry Leader

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

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.

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