



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost | July 5, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" | William Bolcom (b. 1938)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today seeking a homeland:

searching for peace in a world of chaos.

We come today seeking a homeland:

longing for comfort when life is too painful.

We come today seeking a homeland:

eager for a new beginning and another chance.

We come today seeking a homeland:

trusting that God has a place for us all.

We come today seeking a homeland:

God's place for us is here.

God's time for us is now.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN NO. 396

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" | HOLY MANNA



Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you are always looking out for us:
finding us when we wander away,
waiting for us when we are stubborn,
loving us when we can't love ourselves,
welcoming us when the world turns us away,
comforting us when we hurt.

We forget we should live that way, too.
We forget that what everyone needs most is:
a hand to hold,
a word of hope,
a place to belong.

Help us, Holy One, to be a light in the darkness,
a voice for the powerless,
grace in the midst of chaos,
a reminder of your love.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word;
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!



* **THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD**

The musical score is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: "The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Preschoolers are dismissed to Summer Playtime

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | TORAH

Deuteronomy 30: 11, 15-20 | OT p. 186

SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 | NT p. 225-226

SERMON

"Longing for Home" | Carol McDonald



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Based on the Six Theses of "The Theological Declaration of Barmen" (Germany, 1934)

Christ is the Only Word of God.

We reject any false doctrine that the church should recognize any other historic figures, powers or truths as sources of God's revelation.

Christ claims our whole life.

We reject any false doctrine that there are areas of our life where we do not belong to Christ, or where we can serve other lords.

Christ is the Sole Head of the Church.

We reject any false doctrine that the church is permitted to shape its message or its order after the desires, purposes, and prevailing political convictions of the day.

Church Leadership is Service, not Domination and exists for the exercise of ministry to the whole congregation.

We reject any false doctrine that the church could establish special leaders who possess authority to rule outside this ministry.

The Church and State have Distinct Roles.

We reject any false doctrine that the state should become the single, totalitarian order of human life, or that the church should assume the tasks, nature, and duties of the state.

The Church's Mission is the Gospel.

We reject any false doctrine that the church could make itself an organ or instrument of humanly chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

We affirm our commitment to live in unity and in love.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"A Simple Song (from *Mass*)" | *Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990)*

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...
Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude...
Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things,
For God is the simplest of all.

I will sing the Lord a new song
To praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.
I will sing His praises while I live
All of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,
Blessed is the man who praises Him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laude...
And walks His ways.
I will lift up my eyes
To the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord
Singing Lauda, Laude.
For the Lord is my shade,
Is the shade upon my right hand,
And the sun shall not smite me by day
Nor the moon by night.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,
Lauda, Lauda, Laude,
And walks in His ways.

Lauda, Lauda, Laude, Lauda, Lauda di da di day. . .
All of my days.

* 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!**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **HYMN NO. 339** (*Stanza 1*)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *LIFT EVERY VOICE*

* **HYMN NO. 339** (*Stanza 2*)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *LIFT EVERY VOICE*

* **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.

* **HYMN NO. 339** (*Stanza 3*)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" | *LIFT EVERY VOICE*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free



339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“At the River” (from *Old American Songs*) | Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down,
Praise our spirits will deliver
And provide our robe and crown. (*Refrain*)

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. (*Refrain*)

“Feed Us, Lord” | *FEED US*



1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,



be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Holy God, you have welcomed us.
You have sustained us.
And now we ask you to send us into the world
fed, nourished, and closer to you.
Help us to grow in love for you and for one another.
Empower us to share with all your children
your welcoming grace and mercy and joy.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

* 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 ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN NO. 340

"This Is My Song" | *FINLANDIA*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Empowered by the divine worship
we have shared this day,
we go into the world:

to proclaim the gospel;
to offer shelter and nurture to all God's children;
to preserve the truth;
to promote justice and righteousness;
to exhibit to the world the Reign of Heaven.

And may the Creator who calls us home,
the Christ who welcomes us always,
and the Spirit who binds us in community,
surround, support, and sustain us now and always.

Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Adoration" | *Florence Price (1887-1953)*



This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

IN WORSHIP

Today's Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by the Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

Following the sermon, we affirm our faith with a portion of The Theological Declaration of Barmen. This document is one of only three additions in the 20th-21st century to the PCUSA Book of Confessions. It was originally written and adopted in Germany in 1934 by a group of ecumenical religious leaders. During the Nazi regime of the early 1930's, some German church leaders were concerned that German Christians equated patriotic sentiments with Christian truth and exalted the rule of Hitler as God's will for the German people. The declaration boldly asserted the freedom of churches to order and govern themselves and rejected any arguments that they needed another leader besides Jesus Christ.

During communion, Baritone Sam Spade sings "At the River," written by the American composer Aaron Copland (1900-1990). The English composer Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) asked Copland to arrange a set of American folk tunes for his Music and Art Festival in Aldeburgh, England in 1950. Copland wrote five songs for baritone soloist and piano for the occasion. They were so well received that Copland wrote a second set two years later, which were equally well received. In 1957, Copland transcribed both sets for soloist and orchestra. "At the River" is a gentle and much-loved hymn dating from 1856 by Rev. Robert Lowry. Copland's setting begins with a simple accompaniment and gains in strength and intensity as the piece continues. This solo has been sung at memorial services for Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and Robert Shaw.

Also during Communion, we sing the Hymn "Feed Us, Lord," by American composer and arranger Greg Scheer. This brief hymn consists of a series of prayerful petitions. The first stanza alludes to the experience of two disciples who encountered the risen Christ on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus but did not recognize him until they shared a meal with him. The imagery of the second stanza connects more naturally to the liquid element of the sacrament, but it's also a recollection of promises of God's favor in Isaiah 35 and 44. The third stanza calls to mind the meals shared by the risen Christ and the disciples. The final stanza provides an important reminder that the spiritual nourishment received from the Lord's Supper is intended to sustain us in paths of witness and service. The plural pronouns throughout are a significant expression of the communal nature of this sacramental meal. Author and composer Greg Scheer is one of today's leading figures in global and contemporary hymns.

The Worship Art installation for the summer features a mandala created by Pastor Brian Shivers. The artist shares, "The mandala is based on a mosaic floor in a French cathedral. The flowers are lily of the valley. In art, lily of the valley is often used to represent the beauty and tenderness of Christ. This flower, which only blooms for a short time, showers its visual beauty and fragrance to all who pass." The worship art crew added a border to the mandala and placed it in a square frame so that it could be displayed as a papercut. Wanting to fill more space than one papercut would, seven identical papercuts backed with silk dyed in the seven colors of the rainbow were made. The rainbow holds two main meanings to the PCUSA: it represents the ancient biblical promise of God's faithfulness and covenant, and it serves as a modern symbol of radical inclusivity.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are in honor of Carol McDonald's 80th Birthday today from her NPC friends.

Thank you, Carol, for all you are and do for Northminster! *Happy Birthday!*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Carol McDonald | *Parish Associate*

Sam Spade | *Baritone Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

Kids' Night In | July 17 | 6:00 - 8:15 pm

Join us for a fun Friday night break for both parents and kids! \$10 per child (max \$40) for food, games, activities, and dancing. Learn more and register by July 14 by scanning the QR code.



Youth Group & Indiana Diaper Bank | July 20 | 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Northminster Youth Group is volunteering at the Indiana Diaper Bank! We'll start at the church, head to the Diaper Bank to volunteer, and then have lunch before coming back. All ages welcome! Use the QR code to register!



Back to School Supply Sorting | July 21 | 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Join us as we prepare supplies and backpacks for Washington Township students returning next school year! Volunteers are needed to sort, organize, and pack supplies. Sign up through the QR code.



Theology on Tap | July 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code by Monday, July 20.



Youth Group Putt-Putt | July 26 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth are invited to join us for Putt-Putt, dinner, and possibly bowling or laser tag as well! There is no cost to attend; just use the QR code to let us know if you plan to attend.



July Mission Team Collection: School Supplies

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies (specifically index cards, spiral notebooks, and poster paper) for our partners Broad Ripple Middle School and School 55! Items can be donated to the brown bins in The Gathering Place.

Northminster Labyrinth | Open Through Summer

The Northminster Labyrinth is open for the summer! Located in the Chapel, the Labyrinth will be open during regular building hours and by special arrangement. Please contact Krista Wright for more info.

The Ecumenical Yogi Blog and Podcast

A new episode is now available! Episode six, "Meet Your Fitness Professional with Susan Holewinski," can be found on our website or using the QR code. A new blog post, "Impermanence and Attachment," is also available.



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Valerie Boak
Custodian

Salima Lutumika
Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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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