



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

RALSTON COMMONS DEDICATION CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | August 6, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers & Karen Herbst-Kim

PRELUDE

"Down By the Riverside" | African-American spiritual, arr. Daniel Kallman (b. 1956); Ned Boyd, saxophone

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the water.

The Lord provides.

Come to Christ; come and be filled.

**We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:
in God's hands, what we have is enough.**

*HYMN NO. 78

"You Thirsty Ones, Come" | HEAVEN'S RAIN



1 You thirst - y ones, come to the spring! Have you no mon - ey?
2 Why do you work and earn and spend on that which is not
3 This food de-lights and sat - is - fies, the food your God can
4 Re - turn while God may still be found, and call while God will
5 My word like heav - en's snow de-scends; it falls like heav-en's



Come, buy wine and milk; come, buy and eat with - out a
bread? O lis - ten now and come to me; eat what is
give; in - cline your ear and come to me; O hear that
hear; now let the wick - ed quit their ways while yet the
rain; it wa - ters all the thirst - y earth and shall not



price or sum, with - out a price or sum.
good in - stead; eat what is good in - stead.
you may live; O hear that you may live.
Lord is near, while yet the Lord is near.
go in vain, and shall not go in vain.

*For those who are able, please stand.



*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance,
in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed
a multitude.
Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes
with hope and grace.
In you there is always more than enough.
But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share
with our neighbors, too little energy to respond
to those in need.

Forgive us, O God, for our smallness of heart.
Transform us.
Open our hands to share freely and generously
and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God of love is our refuge and Savior.
In Christ, we who are broken
are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.
Let us live as one forgiven and freed.

*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

Blessing of Students & Commissioning of Educators and Administrators

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | TORAH

Isaiah 55: 1-5

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 22-33

SERMON

"There Is Enough" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 312

"Take Us As We Are, O God" | ENDLESS FEAST



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.



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

"Music for Royal Fireworks" (IV. Allegro – La Rejouissance) | *G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)*

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

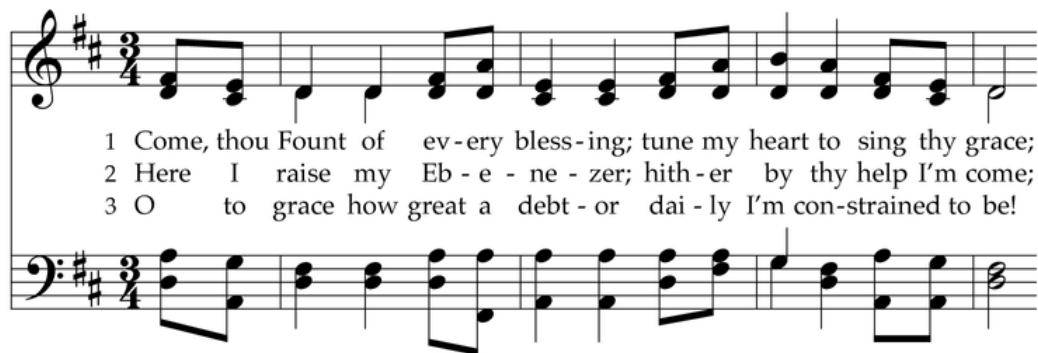
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



***HYMN NO. 475**

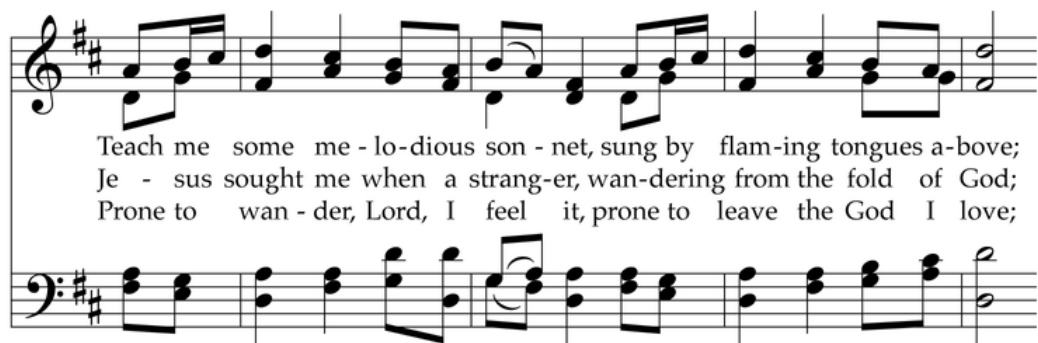
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | *NETTLETON*



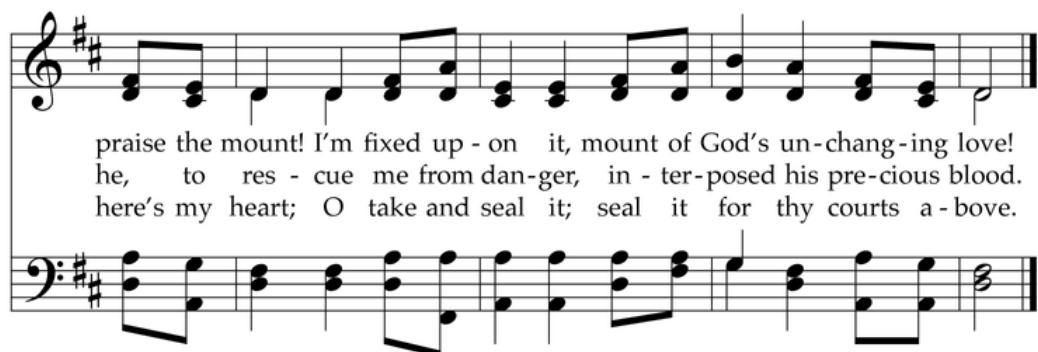
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

DEDICATION OF RALSTON COMMONS

SCRIPTURE | PROPHET

Isaiah 55: 12-13

PRAYER

LITANY

Jerry Gray

Let us join in our dedication litany by singing "For the Beauty of the Earth" and reading responsively after each verse.

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

(Refrain):

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For our founding members who created this space inside and out.

(Past & present Deacons and Elders): **Lord, we offer you our thanks and praise.**

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. *(Refrain)*

For this church and this neighborhood.

(All): **Lord, we offer you our thanks and praise.**

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. *(Refrain)*

For a space to meditate, worship, sing, and share.

(All): **Lord, we offer you our thanks and praise.**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. *(Refrain)*

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For a place to play and grow and learn together
(Children, youth, parents, and teachers): **Lord, we offer you our thanks and praise.**

**For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. (Refrain)**

For the gathering of friends and the opportunity to grow in faith together.
(All): **That we may seek, serve and embrace our neighbors near and far in
Christ's love. We dedicate this space to the glory of God.**

For the beauty of the earth, Lord, we do indeed offer you our thanks and praise.
Let us Pray.

PRAYER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Christ holds you, lifts you, blesses you, and gives you
as a gift to the world.
May the grace of Christ be multiplied in you and through you,
now and forever.

**Touched, changed, called, and empowered,
we go now in the power and provision of Christ
to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and serve the world.**

POSTLUDE

"The Water is Wide" | O WALY WALY, arr. Daniel Kallman



MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, "You Thirsty Ones, Come," is a paraphrase of today's Old Testament Lesson, Isaiah 55: 1 – 11 - "everyone who thirsts, come to the waters." The text, written by Andrew Donaldson (born 1951), uses an "abcb" rhyme scheme - the second and fourth lines rhyme with each other, but not the first and third lines. Even though there are no quotation marks, the first three and the last stanzas are the invitation of God, while the fourth stanza is the voice of the prophet. The melody, by James Clemens (born 1966), is a bit tricky in that there is no repetition or sequencing among the four phrases. Andrew Donaldson was born and raised in Ontario, Canada. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from York University in Toronto and the Associate of Royal Conservatory Teacher degree at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. A lifelong church musician, he has composed in both French and English. In 2007 he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity by Knox College of the University of Toronto. He currently lives in Geneva, Switzerland, where he serves as a worship consultant to the World Council of Churches.

We welcome Ned Boyd, saxophone, to our worship service this morning. Ned has taught for 32 years on the high school and collegiate level and is currently Director of Bands at Logansport Community Schools. He received the Bachelor of Music Degree (and HS Diploma) in saxophone performance at the North Carolina School of the Arts; and a Master of Music degree in Education, with jazz emphasis from the Eastman School of Music. Prior to teaching, Ned was employed for two years as a musician on cruise ships, where he met his (Hoosier) wife, Jean. He has appeared with Aretha Franklin, George Benson, Michael Feinstein, Barry Manilow, Bernadette Peters, Pat Boone, Bobby Vinton, Bob Newhart, Wayne Newton the Four Tops, and Temptations to name a few. He has also played with the big bands Guy Lombardo, Lawrence Welk, and the Dorsey Brothers. He is a member of the Buselli/Wallarab Jazz Orchestra, and Steve Allee Big Band in Indianapolis. He has headlined at numerous jazz festivals around the state, including the Taste of Tippecanoe, and the Lafayette Jazz Club.

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Events and Announcements

Northminster Community Yoga | Tonight | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join Krista Wright for Northminster Community Yoga, Sundays in Calvin Hall. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and registration isn't required. Mats and blocks are available to borrow. Scan to register in advance!



Fair Housing Center's "Unwelcomed" Exhibit | Now - Aug. 31

The Unwelcome exhibit covers systemic barriers that have impacted today's Indianapolis neighborhoods through various types of housing discrimination. Located in the Gathering Place and ramp, open Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm!



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 Chad Kincaid.



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

Mark your calendars for the return of 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 read 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!

Electronics Recycling Day | Sep. 23 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

RecycleForce will join us at Northminster for our annual recycling day! Bring your old and broken electronics for recycling and all proceeds will go to support workforce training for formerly incarcerated individuals. Donations are appreciated!

Congo Family Donations

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



One Church, One Book - Timeline

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSION

Wednesday, August 30th | 6:00 pm

Led by Karen Herbst-Kim

Board Room and Zoom

Thursday, August 31st | 12:00 pm

Led by Brian Shivers

Gathering Place (bring your lunch)

Wednesday, September 6th | 6:00 pm

Led by Monica Brase and Ned Edington

Board Room and Zoom

Sunday, September 10th | 11:30 am

Led by Carol McDonald

Calvin Hall

Tuesday, September 12th | 12:00 pm

Led by Brian Shivers

Gathering Place (bring your lunch)

Tuesday, September 12th | 5:30 pm

Led by Dolly Craft and Carol McDonald

Preceding Deacons Meeting in Calvin Hall

Wednesday, September 20th | 6:00 pm

Led by Karen Herbst-Kim, Brian Shivers, Carol

McDonald, and Jennifer Dzwonar

Board Room and Zoom (wrap-up and next steps)

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