



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | August 13, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Voluntary No. 1 (Allegro)" | William Boyce (1711-1779), arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head; Larry Powell, Trumpet

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 410

"God is Calling Through the Whisper" | W ZLOBIE LEZY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Herbst-Kim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,
it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts,
to live in a way that puts you first.
We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
and neglect to wait patiently for your still, small voice.

Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief,
so that what we confess with our lips,
we may truly believe in our hearts.
Though we are distracted by noise all around,
allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence.

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



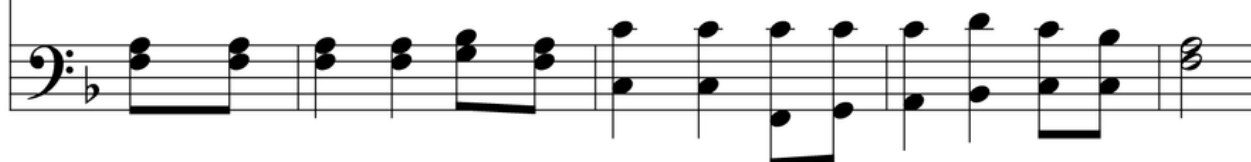
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!



*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

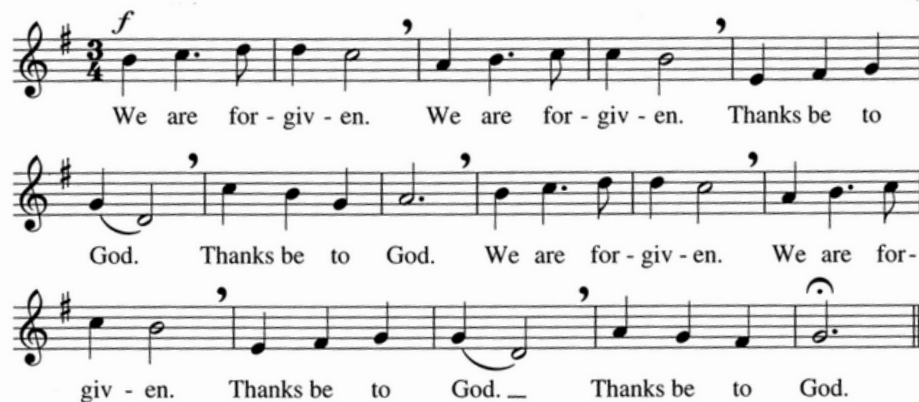
Friends, this is the good news we believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

This is good news we can share with all people!

*WE ARE FORGIVEN

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

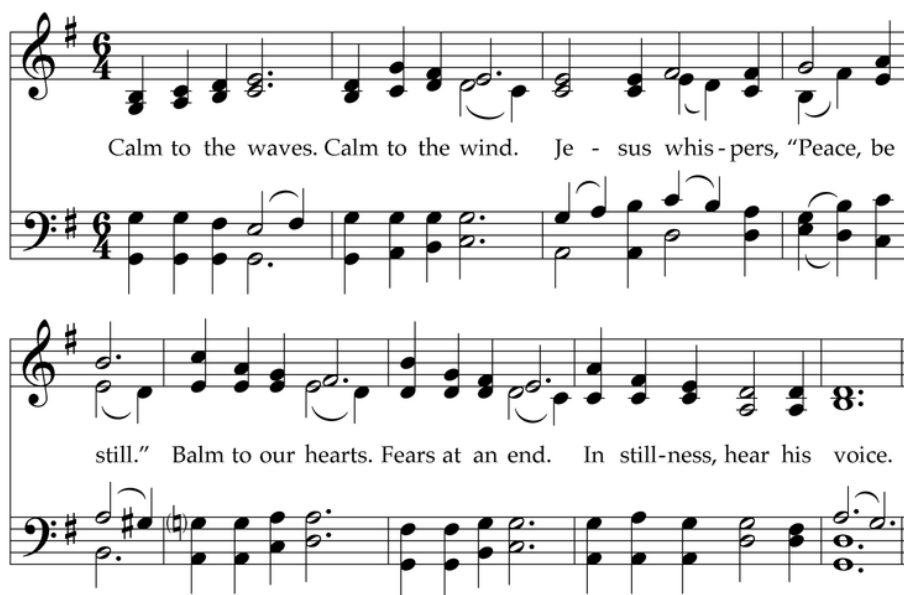
CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Calm to the Waves" | CALM SEAS



FIRST LESSON | HISTORY

1 Kings 19: 9-15a (p. 326)



SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 85: 8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for the Lord will speak peace to the people,
to the faithful, to those who turn to the Lord in their hearts.

**Surely your salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before you, Lord,
and will make a path for your steps.**

SERMON

"Songbook of Faith: Psalm 85" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 449

"Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love" | *MENDON*

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Prayer of Saint Gregory" | *Alan Hovhaness (1911-2000)*

*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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.



Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love 449

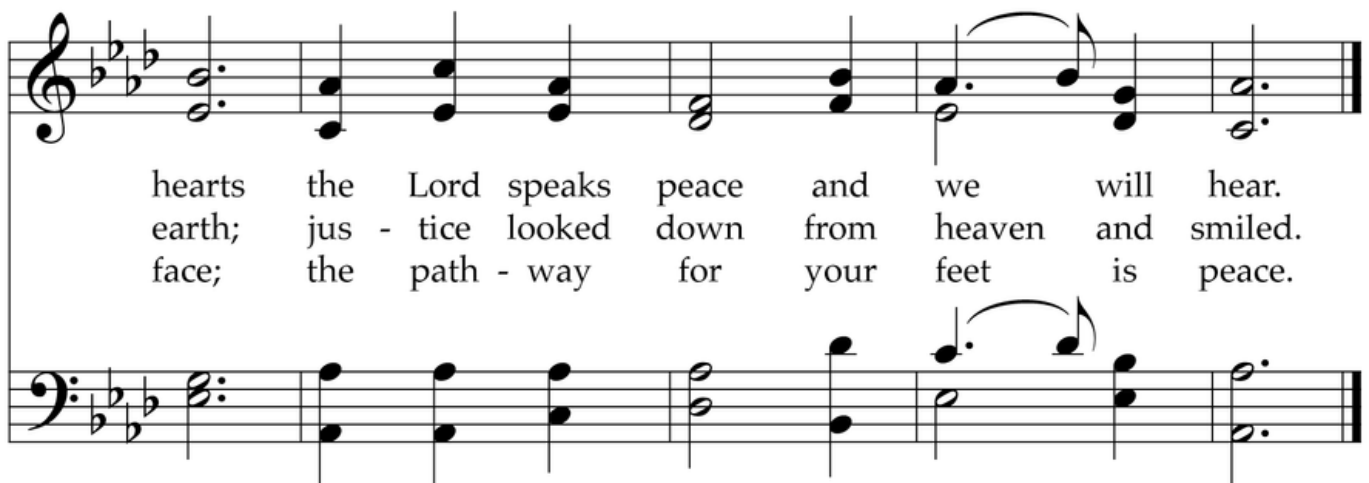
(Psalm 85)



1 Show us, O Lord, your stead - fast love, and let your
2 Mer - cy and truth at last have met; jus - tice and
3 Lord, you will grant pros - per - i - ty; our land will



sav - ing grace be near; when we re - turn with o - pen
peace are rec - on - ciled. Truth has a - ris - en from the
yield its full in - crease. Jus - tice shall go be - fore your



hearts the Lord speaks peace and we will hear.
earth; jus - tice looked down from heaven and smiled.
face; the path - way for your feet is peace.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.
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san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST IS RISEN

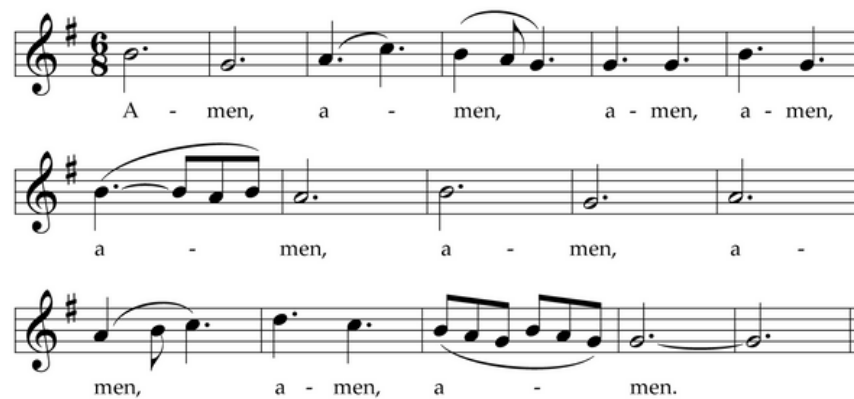
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris - en;
Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score for the Memorial Acclamation is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain. Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.



AMEN
AMEN



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

At the direction of the hosts, you are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice, and receive communion by the ancient method of intinction. All bread is gluten-free.

*Please return to your seats using the side aisles.
If you are unable to come forward, you will be offered communion in your pew.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Silence May Be Kept" (from Rubrics) | Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE MEAL

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.
God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.
Now send us out into your beloved world
to share your life, your love, and your grace with all.
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. 515

"I Come With Joy" | *DOVE OF PEACE*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you;
the peace of Christ enfold you;
and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever.

Let us step out in faith,
trusting that the God who has called us
is able to keep us from falling and holds us in love.

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" | *Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), arr. Dallas Blair*

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's Offertory, "Prayer of Saint Gregory," was composed by Massachusetts native Alan Hovhaness in 1946. Alan Vaness Chakmakjar, born in 1911, was the son of an Armenian father and a Scottish mother. He studied composition at the New England Conservatory of Music and while there, took the pseudonym Alan Hovhaness. In the 1940s he developed a keen interest in Eastern philosophy and Armenian culture, which influenced his compositions. He began playing organ at an Armenian church and learned the Armenian language. Hovhaness was one of the most prolific composers of the 20th century, even though he destroyed nearly 1000 of his pieces in 1940. He wrote symphonies, choral works, ballets, operas, and chamber music. His compositions drew on many exotic rhythmic, melodic, and instrumental resources. His style is often modal and rhythmically intricate, but it is lyrically expressive and de-emphasizes harmony. He died in Seattle, Washington in 2000.

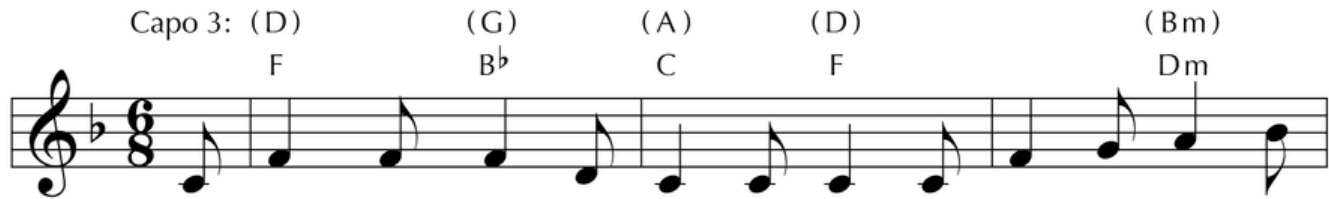
The subject of "Prayer of Saint Gregory" is St. Gregory the Illuminator, who brought Christianity to Armenia in the early 4th century and spent 12 years in prison. Hovhaness called the piece "a prayer in darkness." It begins softly with the organ, then trumpet enters in the same manner, playing expressive slow phrases. As Gregory begins to pray fervently, the melody ascends and crescendos and the trumpet plays a more forte dynamic. As the piece develops, the music wanes in energy, with notes moving in a descending motion and a softer dynamic, as if Gregory's prayers fade around the prison walls.

Our Prayer for Illumination, "Calm to the Waves," has a slow, meditative Taize feel to it. The music was written by Thomas Pavlechko in 2001. The text was written by Mary Louise Bringle in 2000, who explains the genesis of the text. "I awoke at 2:00 a.m. on Christmas morning 2000 with a painful toothache and no dentist to call (after all, it was 2:00 a.m. and it was Christmas). I tried to soothe myself back to sleep by humming a tune that I had been playing so frequently the last few weeks and found that the story about Jesus' stilling the storm simply appeared. As the words took shape, the tooth pain receded, and I went back to sleep."



I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

NORTHMINSTER CHOIRS

Chancel Choir

The Northminster Chancel Choir (ages 16 and up) is looking for singers for the 2023-24 year!

Through singing we develop and improve our breath, posture, and voice; we become part of a community that sings, prays, and celebrates fun together; we add inspiration and beauty to worship; we reduce our stress level and depression; and we experience moments of spiritual transcendence.

Rehearsals begin at 7:00 Wednesday, August 23 in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

Children's Choir

The Northminster's children's choir program is open to all children, grades K – 6th grade! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30th.

Celebration Choir (K – 2nd grade) | 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. | Room 210
Jordyn Locke, Director

Peace Choir (3rd – 6th grade) | 6:00 – 6:55 p.m. | Choir Room
Katie Ray, Director

Have questions? Contact John Wright, Director of Music Ministries at johnwright@northminster-indy.org.



Events and Announcements

Carol McDonald Retirement Planning Meeting | Aug. 20 | 11:15 am

We will hold a brief meeting after worship in the board room for those interested in helping to plan Carol McDonald's October 22nd retirement celebration! Contact Emi Johnson or Elizabeth Brandes for more information.

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 Discussions | Aug. 30 - 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!

Day of Caring | Sep. 17 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us on Sunday, September 17th following worship for four different projects. We will be working with our mission and neighborhood partners to provide various services. Sign up using the QR code to the right!



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!

Flu Shot Clinic | Sep. 24 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Northminster is hosting a flu shot clinic on September 24th for the entire neighborhood! This clinic is provided through a partnership with Franciscan Health. More information will be available soon.

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!



One Church, One Book - Timeline

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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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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 LGBTQIA+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

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