



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

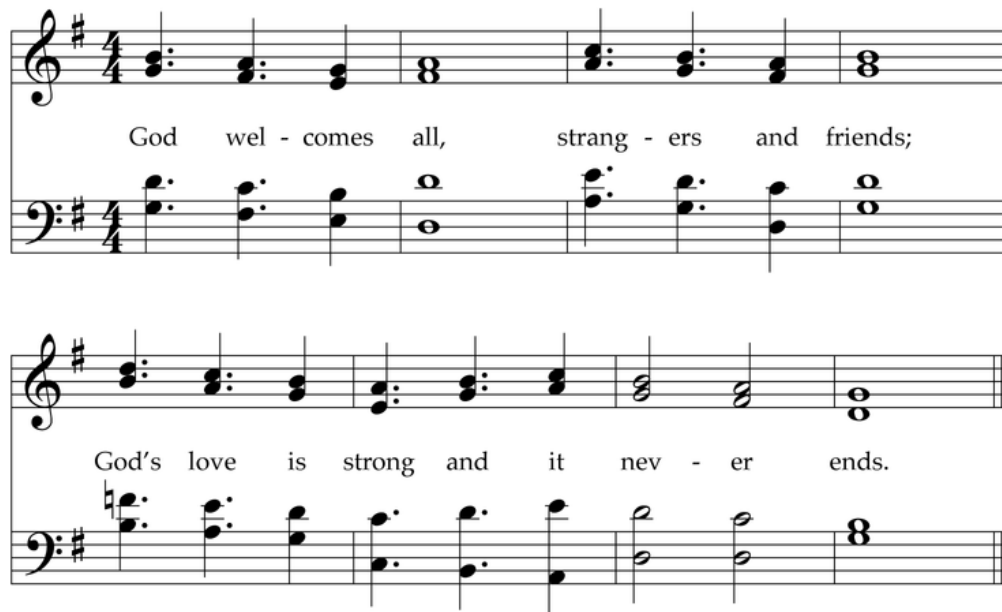
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time | August 20, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME
Brian Shivers

***GATHERING SONG**
"God Welcomes All" | *THEMBA AMEN*



*CALL TO WORSHIP

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**A family formed by faith,
we gather to worship the Living Lord.**

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance,
new disciples searching for grace -

**a family fashioned by faith,
we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.**

Children of God, come!

**The Lord gathers us in and calls us God's own.
Let us praise the triune God!**

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



***HYMN NO. 301**

"Let Us Build a House" | TWO OAKS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liz Higgins

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We are anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures.

We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done
or atone for the agony we have caused.

We are haunted by the past,
plagued by the present,
and fearful of the future.

Forgive our sins,
preserve our lives,
and restore our souls.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, God kisses us with kindness.

Know that pardon and peace are ours.

Let us live as those who are forgiven and free!

***WE ARE FORGIVEN**

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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.

SOLO

"Balm in Gilead" | African-American spiritual, arr. Shawn Okpehbolu; Ethan Neal, Baritone;
Laura Recendez, Flute

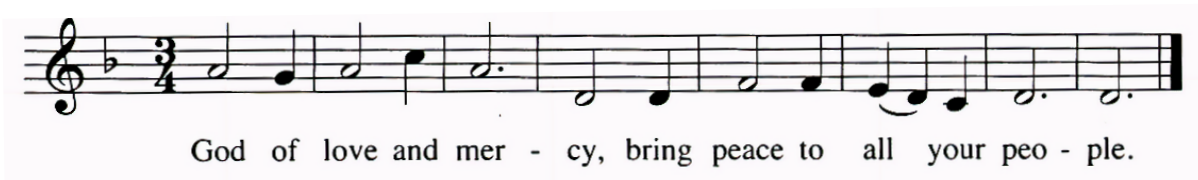
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 (p. 686)

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

"Psalm 133" | Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Ethan Neal, Cantor



SERMON

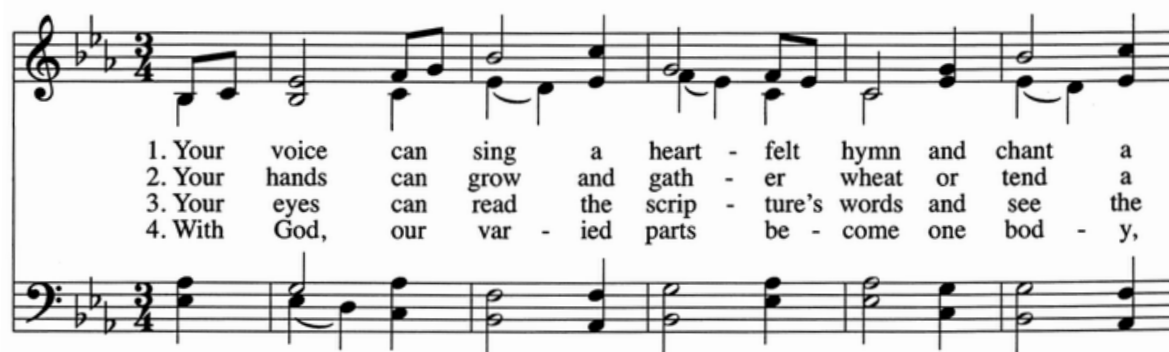
"Songbook of Faith: Psalm 133" | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

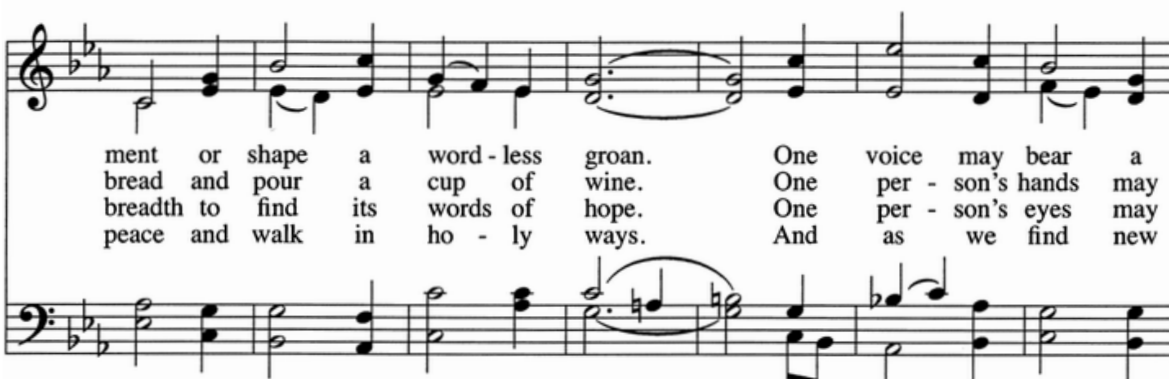
"Your Voice Can Sing" | CARMEN DEI



1. Your voice can sing a heart - felt hymn and chant a
 2. Your hands can grow and gath - er wheat or tend a
 3. Your eyes can read the scrip - ture's words and see the
 4. With God, our var - ied parts be - come one bod - y,



psalm a - lone. Your voice can sigh a deep la -
 fruit - ful vine. Your hands can shape a loaf of
 stor - y's scope. Your eyes can scan the Bi - ble's
 joined in praise. With God, we seek the paths of



ment or shape a word - less groan. One voice may bear a
 bread and pour a cup of wine. One per - son's hands may
 breadth to find its words of hope. One per - son's eyes may
 peace and walk in ho - ly ways. And as we find new



mel - o - dy, but gath - er two or three, and
 make a meal, but of - fer guests a place, and
 see in part, but join to read with friends, and
 har - mo - ny, we join the grow - ing throng, for

Christ is in the midst of us to teach us har - mo - ny.
 Christ is in the midst of us to cir - cle us with grace.
 Christ is in the midst of us: the liv - ing Word God sends.
 Christ is in the midst of us and fills the world with song.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"for the givers who need to receive" | *Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie*

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

"For Everyone Born" | *arr. Tom Trenney; Ethan Neal, Baritone; Peter Opie, Cello*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice, and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)

*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 NO. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit" | *THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of the Lord, the God of our ancestors,
the God of all generations, be with you forever.

Alleluia!

Friends, love one another, serve the Lord, and live peaceably with all.

**The God who forgives, heals, and blesses is with us today and forevermore.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" | *Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993), arr. Marilyn Rinehart*



We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

American composer and arranger Marty Haugen (born 1950) wrote our opening hymn, No. 301 "Let Us Build a House," for a church dedication in Minnesota. The five stanzas use the imagery of construction, but the real emphasis is not on a physical structure but a spiritual one. The essential frame of reference is those who inhabit this place, affirming the vital distinction that the church is not the building but the people. Of the hymn, Haugen has stated he wanted to write a text "that reflects the welcome to table fellowship that Jesus offered unconditionally to everyone." The tune's name, TWIN OAKS, refers to two large oaks that frame Haugen's uncle and aunt's house in Michigan. Marty Haugen was raised in the American Lutheran Church, received a BA in psychology from Luther College, and has worked for the Roman Catholic Church for most of his life. He is currently the composer in residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 400 of Haugen's compositions are published.

The Offertory is an arrangement of the great African-American spiritual "Balm in Gilead," by Shawn Okpebholo, one of today's leading art song composers. His music has been featured on PBS Newshour and radio broadcasts across the country, including NPR's All Things Considered, NPR's Morning Edition, and SiriusXM's "Living American" series. His compositions appear on two albums, the second, "Lord How Come Me Here?", was nominated for a Grammy award. His first, "Steal Away," is solely devoted to re-imagined Negro spirituals, which is what we hear in "Balm in Gilead" this morning. As a pedagogue, Okpebholo has conducted masterclasses at various academic institutions worldwide, including two universities in Nigeria. His research interests have led to ethnomusicological fieldwork in both East and West Africa, resulting in compositions, transcriptions, and academic lectures. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in composition from the College-Conservatory of Music (CCM) at the University of Cincinnati. During his upbringing, a significant part of his music education came from The Salvation Army church, where he received free music lessons regularly. Inspired by that altruism, Okpebholo is deeply passionate about music outreach to underserved communities. He currently holds the position of Jonathan Blanchard Professor of Music Composition at Wheaton College-Conservatory of Music (IL) and serves as the Saykaly Garbulinska Composer-in-Residence of the Lexington Philharmonic.

This morning we welcome Eathan Neal, Baritone, and appreciate his vocal contributions to worship. A conductor, baritone soloist, and organist, Ethan recently graduated from the University of Kentucky in Organ and Choral Music Education. This fall, he begins his Master's degree studies at the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music in Voice Performance and Choral Conducting. He currently serves as Director of Music Ministry at All Saints Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Georgetown, Kentucky.

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Events and Announcements

Carol McDonald Retirement Planning Meeting | Today | 11:15 am

We will hold a brief meeting after worship today 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.

Fall Plant Sale | Now through Sep. 15

The Deacon's Fall Plant Sale is now open! Orders may be submitted between now and September 15th using the QR to the right. Pick-up will be on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at NPC.



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

Wednesday Nights at Northminster return on August 30th! Join us each Wednesday for food, fellowship, and discussions on how to learn and grow in your faith. Scan the QR code to the right to RSVP for upcoming dates.



Westminster Pantry Collection - Pasta Sauce | Sep. 3

Help support the Westminster Food Pantry by bringing spaghetti and pasta sauces on Sunday, September 3rd. Items can be donated in the yellow bin in the gathering place. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Holewinski.

Chancel Art Installation Request for Qualifications | Due Sep. 7 | 11:59 pm

We are actively seeking applications to commission abstract, meditative artwork for part of the chancel space. If you, or someone you know, are interested in submitting an application, please scan the QR code to learn more!



Parent & Youth Kick-Off BBQ | Sep. 10 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth (grades 6 - 12) and their parents will gather at 5:30 pm for dinner, fellowship, and information about youth events in the upcoming year. Information about this year's Confirmation Class will be shared from 7-7:30 pm. RSVP using the QR code!



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!

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build | Sep. 23 | 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Just six spots have been reserved for NPC members so please use the QR code to register by September 8th. Must be 16 or older to volunteer and no experience is necessary. Donations are also encouraged!



JOIN 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.



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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Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tim McElroy
Lead Custodian

Michael de las Alas
Custodian

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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at northminster.church/newsletter

Prayer Lists

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