



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time | August 27, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

*PRELUDE

"Allegro (from Sonata No. 3)" | *Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739); Kathy Hershberger, Viola*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

*HYMN NO. 353

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" | *SOLID ROCK*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Herbst-Kim

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
you pardon all.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sins.

Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

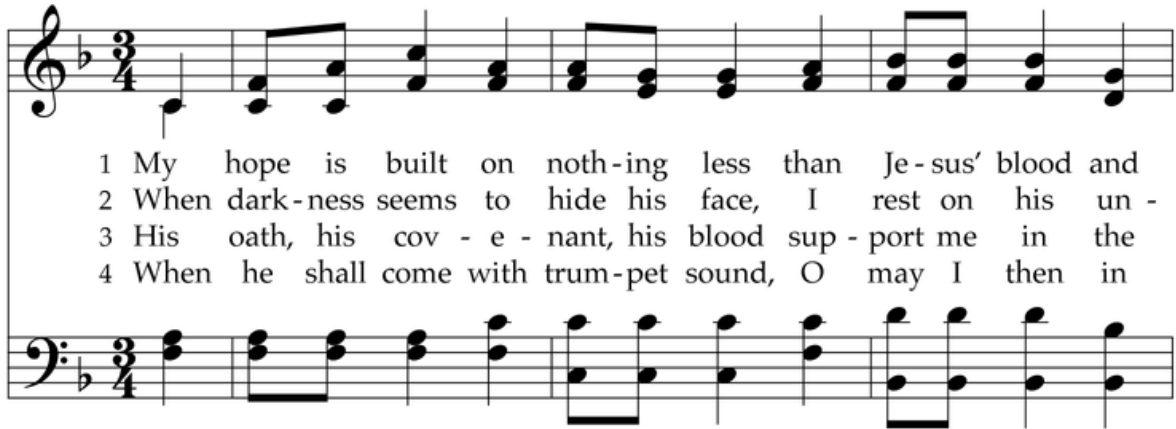
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*SILENT CONFESSION

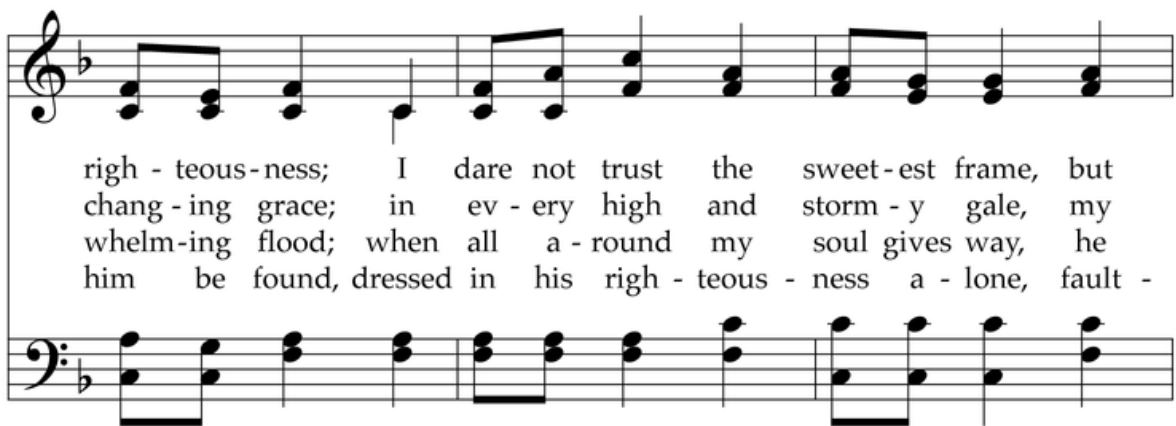
**For those who are able, please stand.*



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

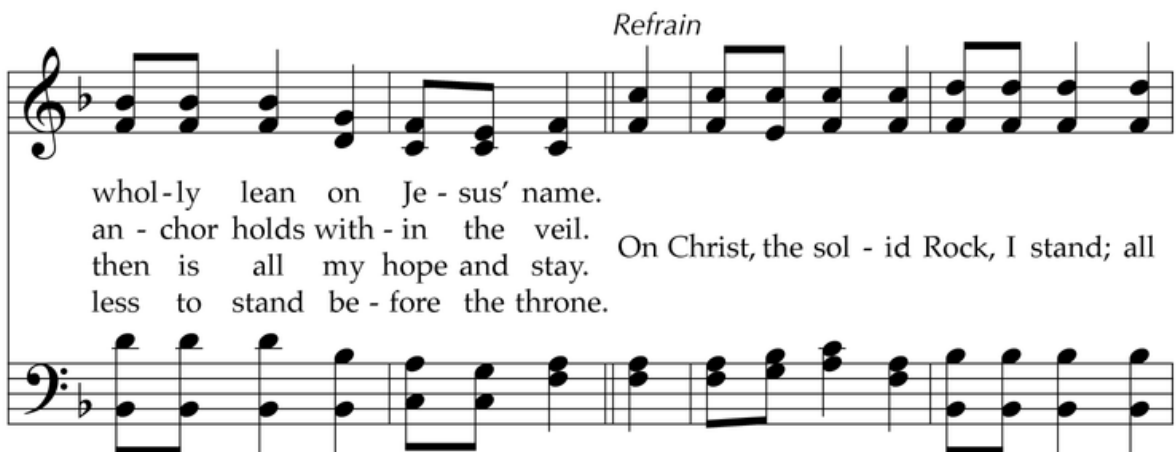


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If the Lord had not been on our side,

we would now be lost in sin.

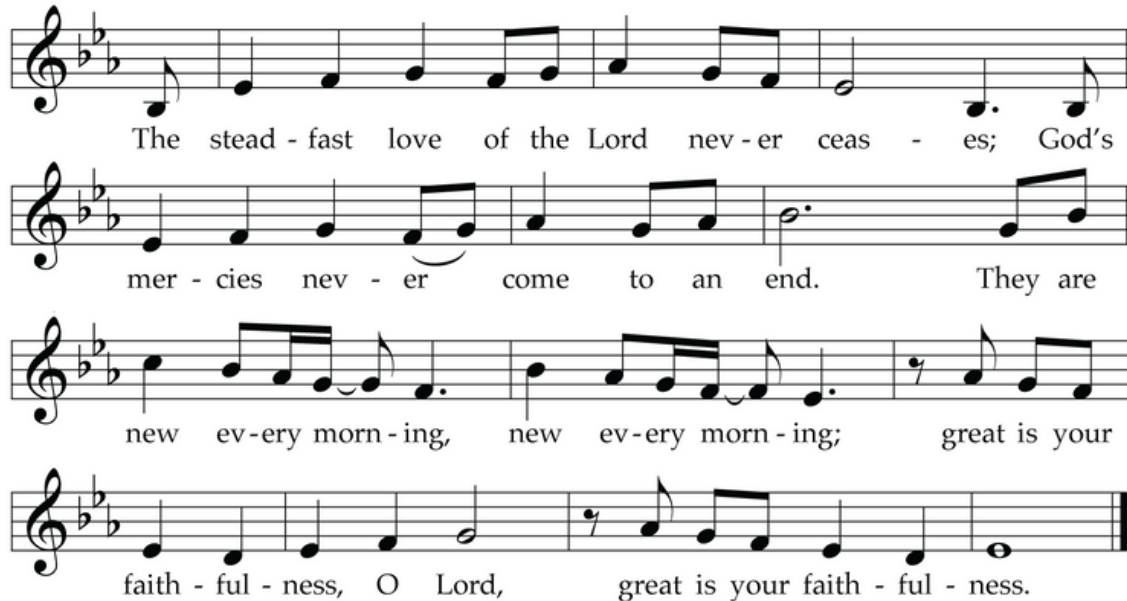
But it is the Lord who is on our side,

and so we are forgiven.

**Forgiven and freed, our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

*GRATITUDE FOR FORGIVENESS THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

Refrain



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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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



FIRST LESSON | HISTORY

Isaiah 51: 1-6 (p. 681)

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

"Psalm 124" | Ancient plainsong; John Wright, Cantor



Our help is in the Name of the LORD.

SERMON

"Songbook of Faith: Psalm 124" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 330

"Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord" | OLD 124TH

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)

OFFERTORY

"Processional" | Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

*For those who are able, please stand.



Our Help Is in the Name of God 330

(Psalm 124)

1 Our help is in the name of God the Lord, the One who
2 When e - vil seems to have the up - per hand, call on God's
3 Praise God the Lord who hears the cap - tives' prayer. Like birds es -

made the heav - ens with a word, cre - a - tor of the
name: the Lord, the great "I AM." When trou - bles rise and
cap - ing from the fowl - er's snare we are set free; our

world, each liv - ing thing. Come, bless the Lord, lift up your
all a - round gives way, re - mem - ber God stays with us
prais - es now as - cend: "Blessed be the Lord: Cre - a - tor,

hearts and sing: "Our help is in the name of God the Lord."
night and day. Our help is in the name of God the Lord.
Sav - ior, Friend. Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *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. 765**

"May the God of Hope Go with Us" | *ARGENTINA*

(Please sing English the first time and either English or Spanish the second time)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the Lord who made heaven and earth,
the Christ who lived and died for all,
and the Spirit, who renews our minds and hearts
abide with all God's people, now and forever.

Now friends, remember that God is on our side.

We go -
with minds open to receive new truth;
with spirits attuned to God's challenging Word;
with hearts moved to act with compassion;
and as disciples ready to follow Jesus, the Way.

POSTLUDE

"Andante Grazioso" | *Gaston Déthier (1875-1958)*

IN WORSHIP

Today, and in each Service for the Lord's Day, we collectively pray a "prayer of confession." The early Reformers abolished the required Sacrament of Penance, associated with the Catholic mass, but preserved confession and forgiveness. By transferring the prayer of the priest to the whole congregation, the reformers made the statement that it was the congregation who celebrated the liturgy, and not the priest alone with the congregation as audience. In the Prayer of Confession, we lay before God not only those sins that may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We are confident that in our dying to sin and old destructive ways, the God of grace raises us to new life.

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May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

Events and Announcements

Indiana Fever Night | Tonight | Game Time 4:00 pm

Join us this evening for Indiana Fever Night! Northminster is offering tickets for just \$11 for a great night of fun, faith, and basketball. Tickets are still available! Contact Brian Shivers for more information.



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

Wednesday Nights at Northminster returns this Wednesday. Join us each week 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.

Seeking Officer Recommendations | Due Sep. 5 | 11:59 pm

The 2024 Nominating Committee invites you to submit recommendations for ruling elders and deacons. For more information on the roles of deacons and elders, and the time commitment, please scan the QR code.



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

We are actively seeking applications to commission artwork to facilitate faithful meditation 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!



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.



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!



All events can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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 are held at 6:59 pm on Wednesday in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

Children's Choir

The Northminster's children's choir program is open to all children, grades K – 8th grade! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30th.

Celebration Choir (K – 2nd grade) | 6:00 - 6:45 pm | Room 204
Jordyn Locke, Director

Peace Choir (3rd – 5th grade) | 6:00 – 6:55 pm | Choir Room
Katie Ray, Director

Bel Canto (6th - 8th grade) | 6:00 - 6:55 pm | Sanctuary & Choir Room
John Wright & Katie Ray, Directors

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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Associate Pastor Emeritus

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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