



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost | August 24, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Religioso" | Georg Goltermann (1824-1898), arr. Charles Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

* HYMN NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" | LOBE DEN HERREN

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

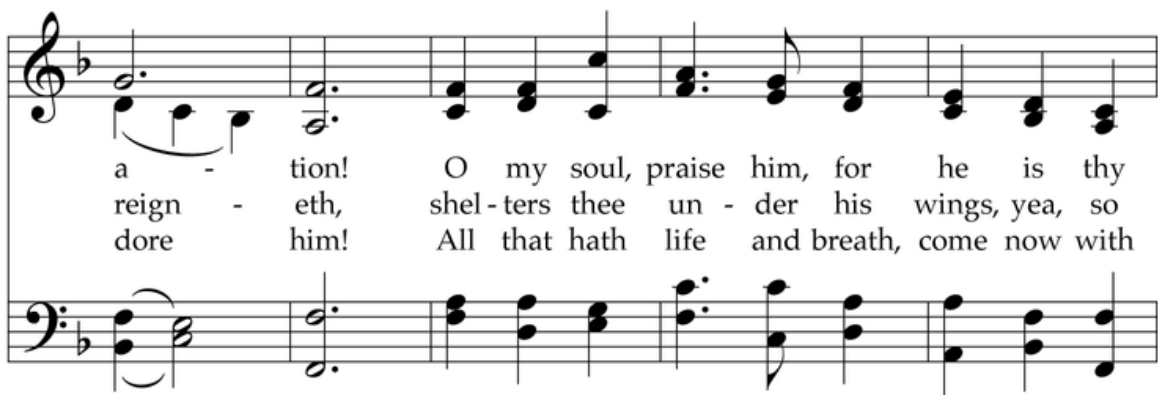
* SILENT CONFESSION



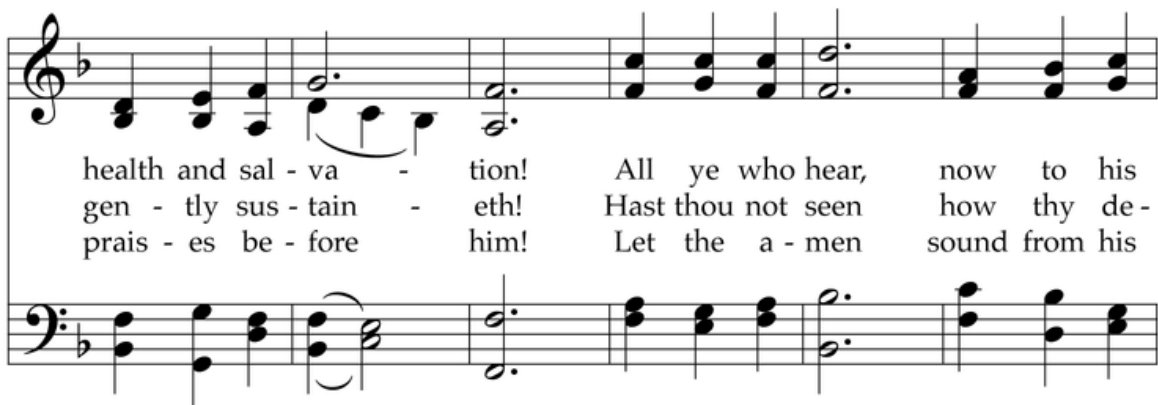
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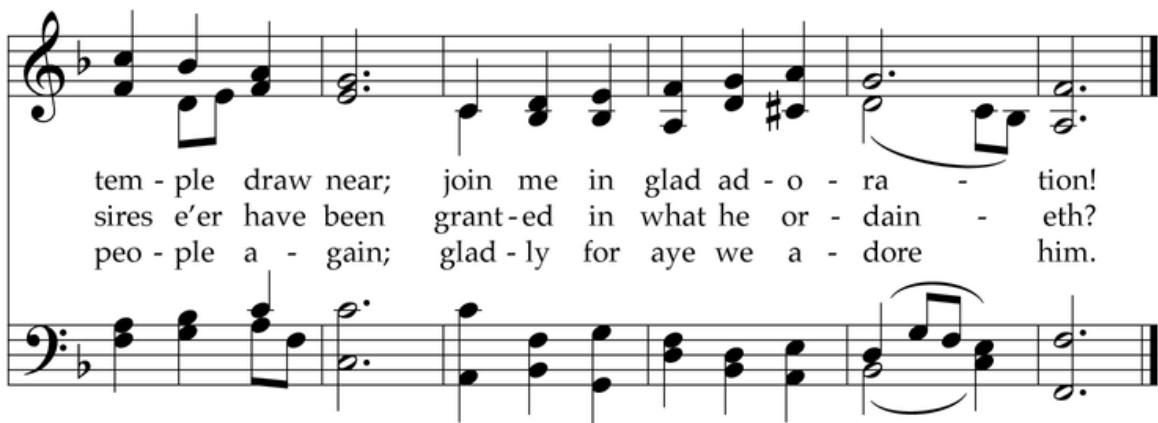
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us,

**for God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.**

Believe this good news and give thanks;

in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Let us live as those forgiven and freed.

* RESPONSE

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD*



* 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 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

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 76: 1-6 | OT p. 536

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 103: 1-12 | OT p. 554

SERMON

"Psalm 103: Begin Again" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 439

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" | *STUTTGART*

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

"Andante for Horn and Piano" | *Richard Strauss (1864-1949)*

* DOXOLOGY

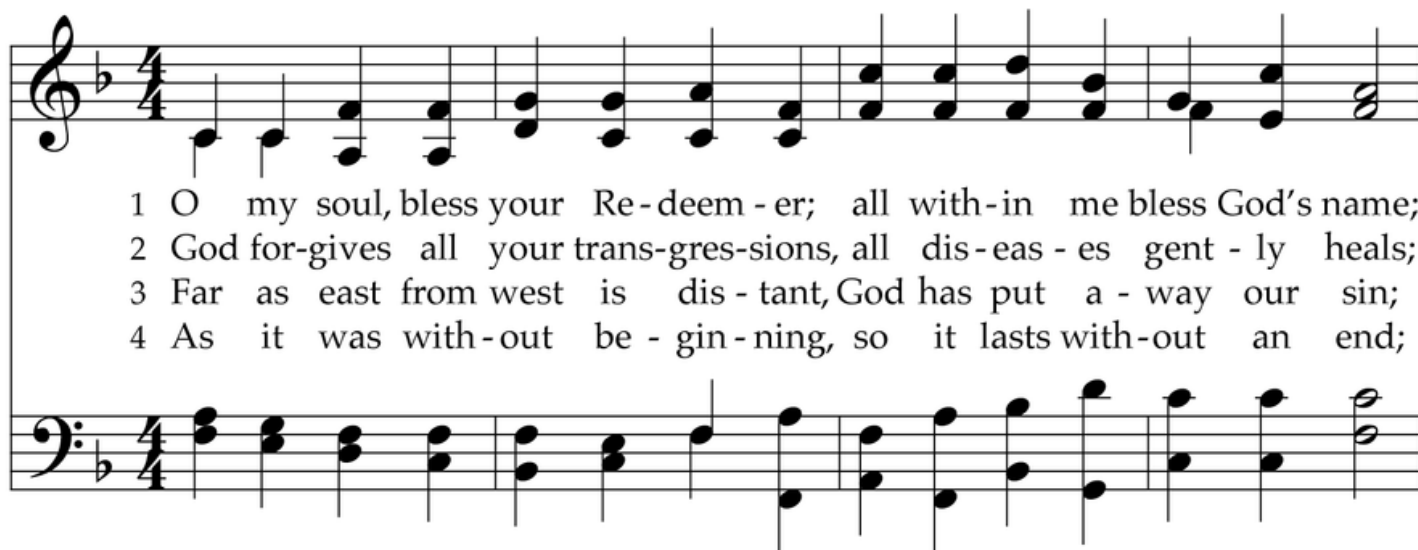
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

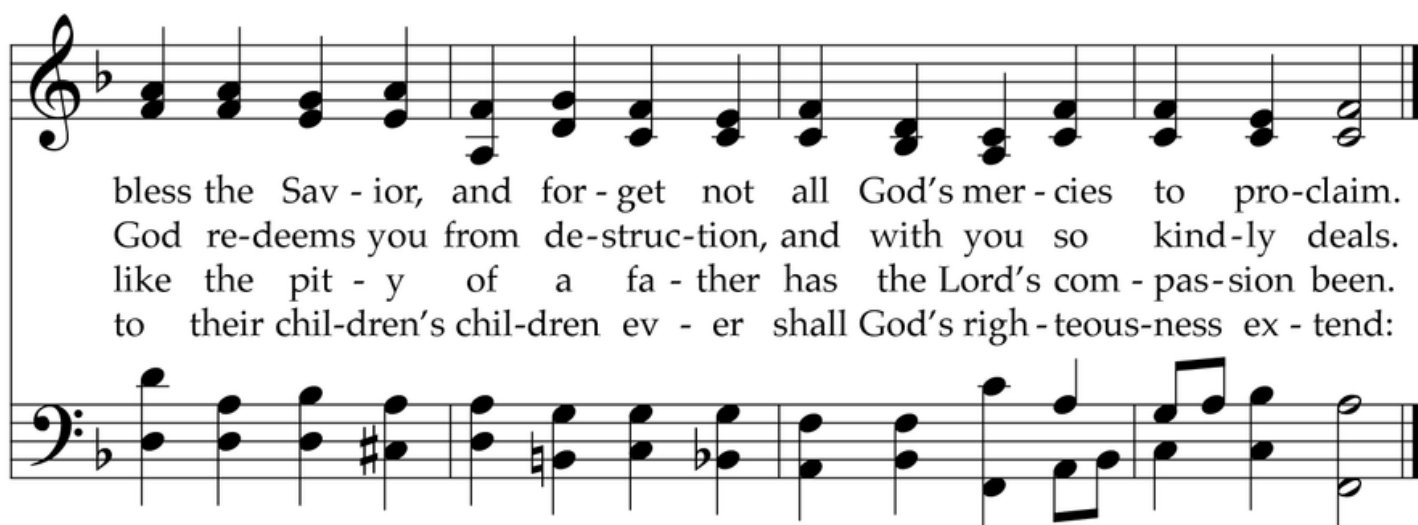
* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer 439

(Psalm 103)



1 O my soul, bless your Re-deem-er; all with-in me bless God's name;
2 God for-gives all your trans-gres-sions, all dis-eas-es gent-ly heals;
3 Far as east from west is dis-tant, God has put a-way our sin;
4 As it was with-out be-gin-ning, so it lasts with-out an end;



bless the Sav-ior, and for-get not all God's mer-cies to pro-claim.
God re-deems you from de-struc-tion, and with you so kind-ly deals.
like the pit-y of a fa-ther has the Lord's com-pas-sion been.
to their chil-dren's chil-dren ev-er shall God's righ-teous-ness ex-tend:

5 Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember
the commandments and obey.

6 Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!

These stanzas are selected from sixteen that originally made up this paraphrase of Psalm 103, the second of two versions in the volume where they were first published. The tune used here was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with hymn texts.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

"In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust" | WAREHAM



1 In you, O LORD, I put my trust; you are my
2 You are, O LORD, my ref - uge strong; from youth I
3 Do not re - ject me in old age; for - sake me
4 In you, O LORD, I hope once more; your love re -



rock and my de - fense. When times and tri - als
have re - lied on you. Though trou - bles rise and
not when strength has fled. For foes a - gainst me
news my trou - bled soul. From youth to age my



are un - just, you turn my foes from their in - tents.
life seems long, I speak your praise the whole day through.
plot and rage and bold - ly say, "Your God is dead."
strength re - store, and make my bat - tered spir - it whole.

5 To you I sing unending praise;
you scorn not age and graying hair.
Your love encompasses my days;
all times to come will know your care.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, as you go from this place, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

As you labor this week, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

As you laugh and cry, work and play, rest in God's promise:

Christ is with us.

May we go into this world of strife and pain
to bring the Peace that surpasses all understanding.

**May we go into this world that is weary and hungry
to bring the Bread of Life.**

May we go into this world to be the hands and feet of Christ.

In the name of our Creator and our Sustainer,

Amen.

POSTLUDE

"The First Solo Flight" | *David Eastmond*

IN WORSHIP

This morning we welcome Dr. Zachary Cooper, Assistant Professor of Horn and Coordinator of Brass at Butler University. Dr. Cooper is the newly appointed principal horn of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and Carmel Symphony Orchestra and has performed with the Indianapolis Symphony, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, and Indianapolis Opera, to name a few. His scholarly research has focused on commissioning new works to increase the horn repertoire with an emphasis on supporting minority and underrepresented composers. Prior to coming to Butler University, Dr. Cooper served as a tenured professor at the University of Montana as Chair of Music Theory and Chair of Brass and Percussion.

The Offertory, "Religioso," was written by German composer, conductor and cellist Georg Goltermann (1824 - 1898). Born in Hannover, he composed over 100 works, including numerous concertos, chamber pieces, and etudes for the cello. His cello concertos demonstrate the lyrical and virtuosic capabilities of the cello, and they continue to be studied and performed by cellists around the world. "Religioso" was composed for cello, arranged for horn by Massachusetts native Charles Callahan (1951-2023).

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Zachary Cooper | *French Horn*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

Adult Education: Scripture | August 27th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Pastors Brian and Karen are leading a three-week adult education course on the Scriptures. Join us for week two and our discussion on "The Bible - What Do We Do With It?"

Wednesday Night Dinner | Wednesdays | 5:30 pm

Join us each Wednesday for a meal, fellowship with others, and discussions on how to learn and grow in your faith. Childcare is available from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. If you're joining us for dinner, please use the QR code to RSVP.



Youth Group Kick Off | September 7th | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

This low-key gathering for youth and their families includes dinner and games! You are encouraged to bring a bag of fruity candy for our candy salad and we'll also have confirmation info. RSVP so we can plan for food.



Simple Strength Classes | Starting September 8th | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Nervous about lifting on your own or not sure where to start? Learn basic strength training exercises in a safe space with Kim Allen! All body types and abilities are welcome for this 4-week series. Pre-registration is required.



Flu Shot Clinic | September 21st | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The Flu Shot Clinic is back and all are welcome. In partnership with Franciscan Health, we'll be offering flu, high-dose flu (ages 65+), pneumonia, and Covid-19. Learn more and register online!



Sarah Circle Women's Group | Starting September 23rd | 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The Sarah Circle is looking for new members! We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month and we'll start by studying *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Contact the church office for more info!

Mission Collection: Diapers | August through September

The Mission Team is collecting diapers to support Indiana Diaper Bank and our partners Raphael Health and The Little Timmy Project. Please consider a donation in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

Kroger Community Rewards

Support Northminster while you shop at Kroger! Northminster will receive reward funds from anyone who selects us as their rewards partner. Scan the QR code for a step-by-step guide to getting set up.



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.church/events



This past weekend, Northminster joined faith communities across Central Indiana in a powerful effort to end chronic homelessness through the STREETS TO HOME Initiative.

Because of YOUR support, we're excited to announce that the congregation of Northminster raised \$14,015 to support Streets to Home Indy! The Northminster Matthew 25 Council is donating \$25,000 to support this initiative bringing **the total raised by Northminster to \$39,015!**

Northminster's donation will more than cover the housing costs of an individual for a year including rent, all wrap-around services, and administrative costs of the program.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STHI:

► **Make a donation as part of the Northminster congregation.**

Northminster has joined faith communities across Central Indiana as part of a region-wide moment of hope and action.

Donations from dozens of local congregations will be made toward the Streets to Home Indy initiative. **Scan the QR code below!**



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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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