



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost | August 31, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Aria" | Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes all;
whoever we are,
wherever we are,
however we are,
God welcomes all.

* HYMN NO. 267

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" | MADRID

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

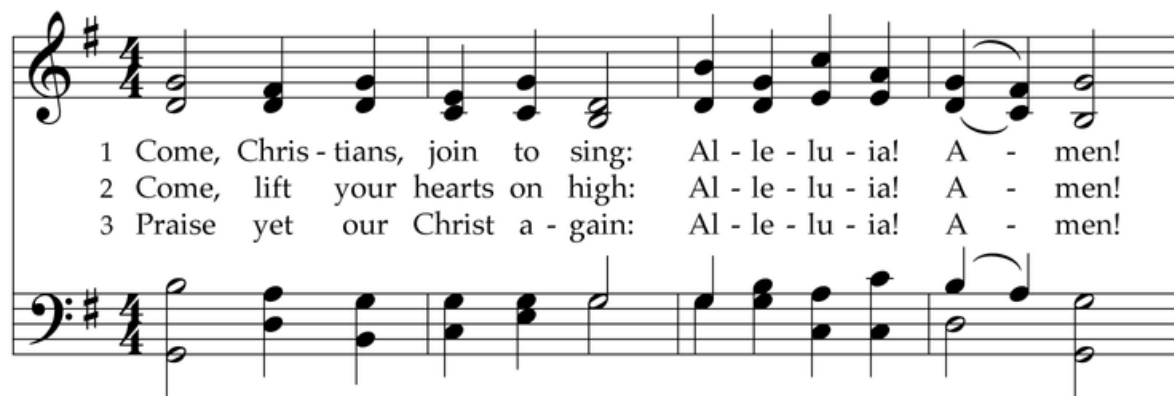
Merciful God,
in Jesus you show us a way that is humble
and that seeks the good of others.
We confess that we go our own way;
we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.
We seek the favor of the powerful
and refuse to welcome the poor.

Forgive us, God of grace.
Free us from the temptation
to pursue our own pleasure only.
Help us to live in harmony
with all your people,
sharing one world and eating around one table,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

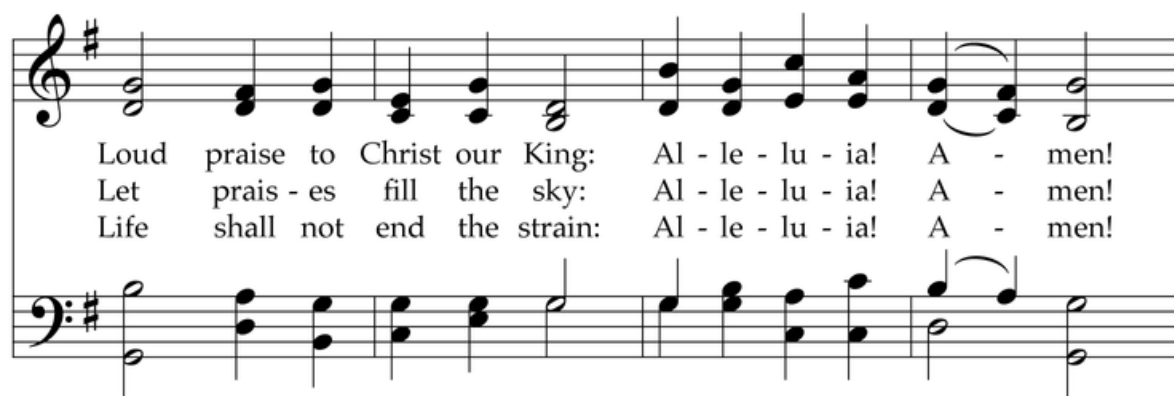
* SILENT CONFESSION



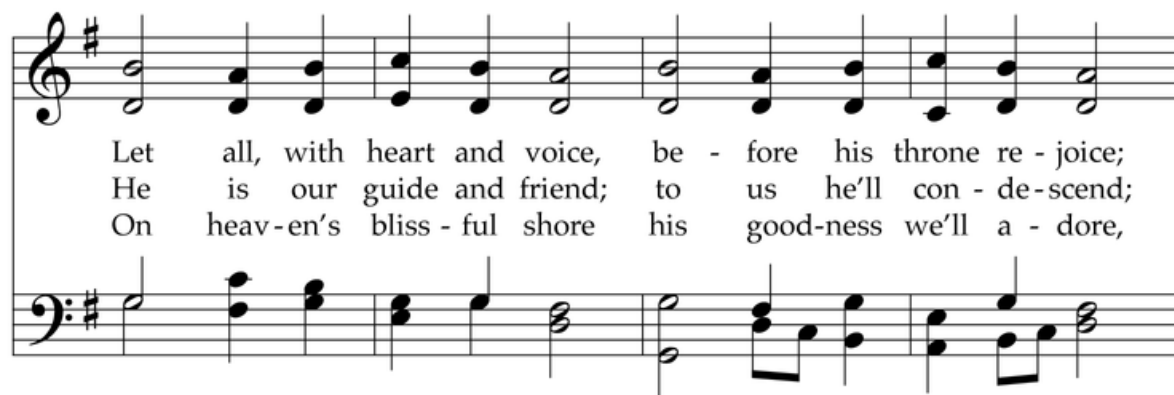
267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide,
God gathers us and cleanses us,
making us new, making us whole.

Hear this good news -
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

* RESPONSE

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

The musical notation is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

* 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 | WISDOM

Proverbs 25: 6-7 | OT p. 607

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 112



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 | NT p. 77

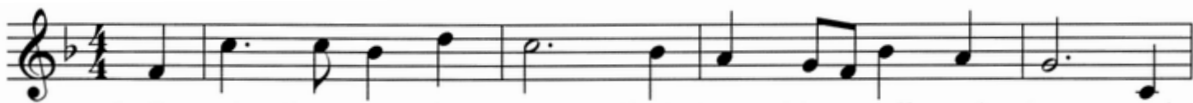
SERMON

"A Place at the Table" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

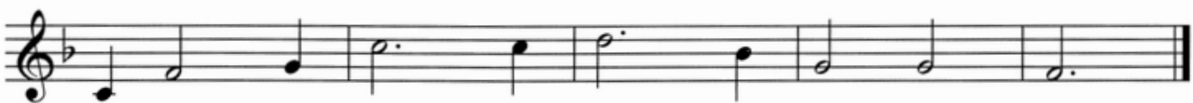
"O Praise the Gracious Power" | *CHRISTPRAISE RAY*



1 O praise the gra-cious power that tum - bles walls of fear and
2 O praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds, and
3 O praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - ery race, ob -
4 O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own, a
5 O praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - ery shore with
6 O praise the power, the truth, the love, the Word, the tide; yet
7 O praise the liv - ing Christ with faith's bright song - ful voice! An -



1 gath - ers in one house of faith all stran - gers far and near:
2 eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
3 liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
4 liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
5 vi - sions of a world at peace, no long - er bled by war:
6 more than these, O praise their source: praise Christ, the cru - ci - fied:
7 nounce the gos - pel to the world, and with these words re - joice:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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

"Adagio" | Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911), arr. Charles Callahan

* 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. 343

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" | GERMANY

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

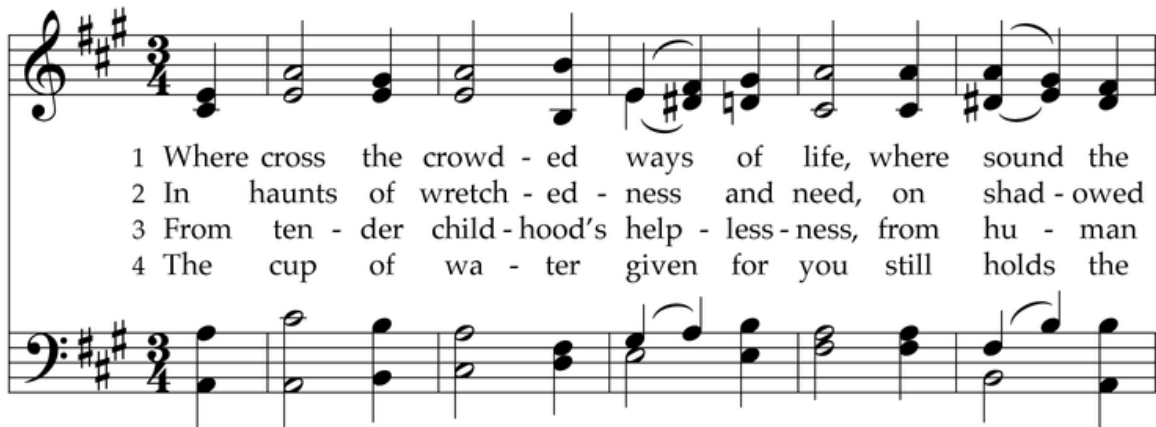
May the God of mystery take you to
unexpected places,
may the God of humility teach you to
serve without pride,
may the God of wisdom inspire your
work in the kingdom;
**and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be with us now and always.**

**God graces us with abundance
and inspires us to be generous.**

Now go into the world,
confident in the Lord's provision,
seeking those who are the stranger
and providing for those who cannot repay you.

Amen.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude" (from Suite in G Major) | Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's floral arrangement is in honor of
Bob and Betty Bowers' 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 4th.

They are given by their children:
Robert (Linda) Bowers, Barbara (Mark) Brockett,
Brenda (John) Pair, Brad (Sandy) Bowers.

IN WORSHIP

Today we welcome Li Li, Viola. A member of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Ms. Li earned degrees from Boston Conservatory of Music and Boston University. Previously, she was a member of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. She has played with numerous orchestras in the United States, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Li is also a seasoned chamber player and has performed with Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music and on the Ronen Chamber Music Series, Indianapolis. She has taught at Syracuse University, Anderson University, and at the Miami Music Festival. Her last appearance at Northminster occurred in March 2025 when she served as concertmaster of the orchestra for Faure's *Requiem*.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Li Li | *Viola*
Craig Hittle | *Liturgist*
Marilyn Baumgardt | *Cantor*

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Events and Announcements

Wednesday Nights at Northminster | September 3rd | 5:30 - 9:00 pm

Join us for a meal, fellowship with others, and a discussion with Pastor Karen on "The Bible: How Do We Read It and Where Do I Start?" Childcare is available from 6:00-9:00 pm. RSVP for dinner by noon on Mondays!



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.



Officer Recommendations | Now Through September 8th

The 2026 Nominating Committee invites recommendations for ruling elders and deacons! To submit a recommendation, learn more about the roles of deacons and elders, or the time commitment, scan the QR code.



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.



Adult Ed on Housing Insecurity | Weds., Sep. 10th - Oct. 1st | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

NPC will welcome guest speakers for a four-week discussion on homelessness and Streets to Home Indy (STHI). Join us September 10th to hear from a CHIP leader on Indy's homelessness response system and STHI.



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!



Covenant Conversation Indiana | September 27th | 9:30 am - 3:45 pm

NPC will welcome Presbyterians across Indiana to share stories, learn practical ways to deepen inclusion, and grow together in worship, fellowship, and conversation. Learn more and register today!



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.

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Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
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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