



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost | August 23, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"II. Allemande" (from Suite No. 3 in C Major) | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Let us give thanks to God's holy name.

Let us sing praises to almighty and loving God.

* HYMN NO. 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | NETTLETON

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
our sin is too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

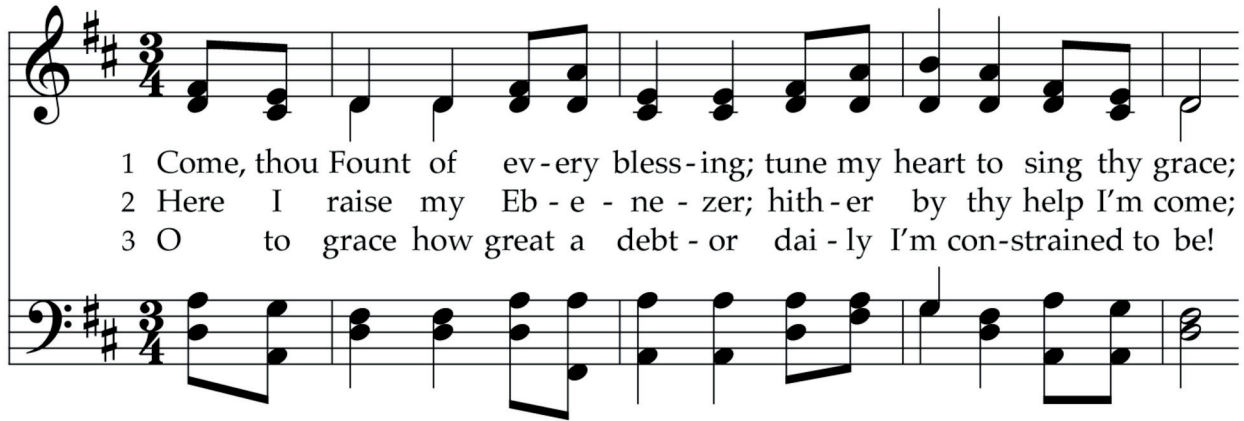
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

* SILENT CONFESSION



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



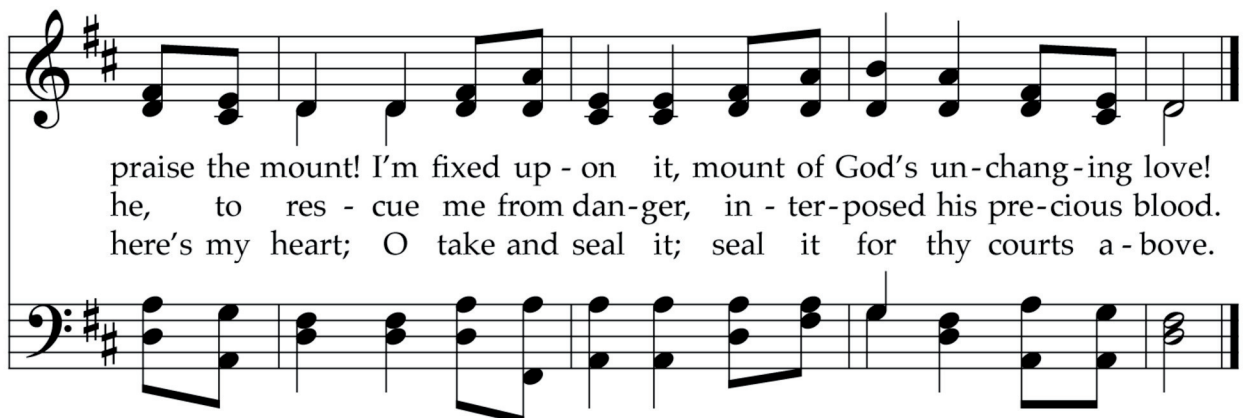
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* WORD OF GRACE

Beloved, because of God's great love and rich mercy for all,
we are fully forgiven.

**Let us live as those who are loved and forgiven
through the gift of God's grace.**

Friends, we receive God's peace afresh today.

Now teach us to walk in rhythms of grace.

* GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Caribbean Conference of Churches

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a series of chords and a repeat sign. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.' The third staff continues with 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's'. The fourth staff includes a 'Repeats' section with an E7 chord and a 'Last time' section with an Em chord, both leading to the final phrase 'earth.'.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's

Em E7 Em
Repeats Last time
peo - ple on earth earth.

* 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

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | TORAH

Genesis 1:26-31 | OT p. 1-2

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18 | NT p. 5-6, *Spark Bible* p. 278

SERMON

"Toxicity" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 345

"In An Age of Twisted Values" | *CHURCH UNITED*

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

"Aria" | *César Franck (1822-1890)*

* 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



In an Age of Twisted Values 345



1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the
2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are
4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly



truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have
dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we
full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they
to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us



jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions
hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and



heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

"When the Church of Jesus" | KING'S WESTON



1 When the church of Je - sus shuts its out - er door,
2 If our hearts are lift - ed where de - vo - tion soars
3 Lest the gifts we of - fer— mon - ey, tal - ents, time—



lest the roar of traf - fic drown the voice of prayer,
high a - bove this hun - gry, suf - fer - ing world of ours,
serve to salve our con - science, to our se - cret shame,



may our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more a - ware
lest our hymns should drug us to for - get its needs,
Lord, re - prove, in - spire us by the way you give;



that the world we ban - ish is our Chris - tian care.
forge our Chris - tian wor - ship in - to Chris - tian deeds.
teach us, ris - en Sav - ior, how true Chris - tians live.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May God, Creator, Liberator, and Illuminator,
bless you this day and always.

With a song of praise on our lips,

we go forth with God.

With the love of God in our hearts,

we go forth with God.

With all that we are and all we can be,

we go forth with God.

POSTLUDE

"Legende" (from *Deux Pieces pour Alto et Piano*) | Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



IN WORSHIP

Our first hymn is one of the great enduring hymns of the Christian Church. “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” was supposedly written by British preacher Robert Robinson (1735-1790), although the original manuscript has not been found. The tune, NETTLETON, is an anonymous American folk tune and is so named because it was originally thought to be written by Asahel Nettleton, a 19th-century evangelist.

This morning’s final hymn, “When the Church of Jesus,” calls the Christian community to move beyond isolated worship and engage actively with the needs of the world. The text critiques the temptation of the church to withdraw from social realities. It warns that when believers focus only on internal worship and ignore the struggles of the world, they miss the deeper purpose of the gospel. At the same time, the hymn does not diminish the importance of prayer or worship. Instead, it argues that true worship naturally leads to compassionate action. Through its prophetic tone, this Fred Pratt Green text invites congregations to see mission, justice, and service as essential expressions of Christian faith. Ordained Methodist minister and hymn writer Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) was born near Liverpool, England. Though he wrote plays and hymns during his ministry, he was most prolific in his retirement, beginning in 1969. He is recognized as a leader in the ‘hymnic explosion’ in the latter half of the 20th century and is credited as being the most important Methodist hymn writer since Charles Wesley.

At the end of the service, violist Emilee Drumm plays the second movement from Louis Vierne’s *Deux Pièces pour Alto et piano*, Opus 5, No. 2 (Two Pieces for Viola and Piano), composed in 1894. Set in D minor, the work contains imitative writing between the viola and piano. The close harmonies in the piano part are a characteristic of Vierne’s organ compositions. Born blind, Vierne (1870-1937) was an organist who composed in several genres. He is mostly known for his many organ compositions and his six organ symphonies. He studied with César Franck (1822-1890) at the esteemed Paris Conservatoire. In 1900, Vierne was appointed as organist at Notre Dame Cathedral. He died of a heart attack while giving an organ recital there.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Keyboard*

Emilee Drumm | *Viola*

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Events and Announcements

Adult Ed: Behavioral & Mental Health | August 26 | 6:00 pm

Join us as we begin a series on behavioral & mental health when we welcome Raphael Health Center, a mission partner that focuses on treating the whole patient, addressing their physical, emotional, behavioral, and spiritual health.

Umoja Group Presentation | August 30 | 11:15 am

Join us following worship on August 30th for a presentation by the Umoja Kenya group! Hear about their experience, see pictures from our mission partner, and learn more about how you can get involved!

C4: "Hear Me, And Be Well" Concert | August 30 | 4:00 pm

The Indianapolis-based choir C4 will present "Hear Me, And Be Well" at Northminster on August 30th! This free program will explore resilience, healing, and connection. (A suggested \$10 donation is appreciated.)

"What Me, Stressed?" Adult Education | September 2 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Elisabeth Kleinsmith will discuss identifying stress, anxiety, and depression as well as coping skills in our everyday lives. All are welcome to join us for a time to de-stress and to be reminded of ways we can help ourselves and others.

"Blessed Hope" Book Signing | September 9 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join authors Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund & Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott for the launch of their new book, "Blessed Hope: 90 Daily Devotions for Mental Health and Faith." A limited number of copies will be available for sale and signing!

"Come and Pray in Us" Taizé Service | September 10 | 5:45 pm

A candlelight Taizé service in the Gathering Place featuring simple, repetitive sung refrains, scripture, prayer, and profound silence. The labyrinth will be open before, during, and after, and no previous knowledge is needed!

Sing with the Northminster Choir | Wednesday Evening Rehearsals

It's not too late to join the Peace (grades 3-6, 6:00 pm rehearsal) and Chancel (adult, 6:59 pm rehearsal) Choirs at Northminster! Contact Chancel and Peace Choir directors John Wright & Katie Ray, respectively, to learn more!

September Mission Team Collection: Diapers

The Mission Team is collecting diapers for The Little Timmy Project, Raphael Health Center, and the Indiana Diaper Bank! Items can be donated to the brown bins in The Gathering Place.

Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Flood Recovery Response

There has been significant flooding across our Presbytery, and we are in this together, today and for many tomorrows to come.

Members of Whitewater Valley Presbytery congregations and Presbytery staff met with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), who are willing and ready to partner with our congregations and local agencies as our communities respond and begin the longer work of recovery.

How Can You Help?

1) Share Two Important Phone Numbers Widely:

- Your county's disaster assistance number (Marion County: 211 or 866-211-9966)
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990, where trained disaster counselors are available to provide support.

2) Consider a donation to "Flood Relief" through the Presbytery

- If you would like to make an individual gift, you may do so by either bringing a check to the church office with "flood relief" indicated in the memo line or by mailing it to the Presbytery office (1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208). These gifts will be held in a separate fund by the Presbytery and used only by our local congregations and the Presbytery for flood response and recovery in our communities.

3) Help Your Neighbors Stay Safe from Scams

Unfortunately, disasters often bring scams along with them. Remember that:

- FEMA and other responding organizations (Red Cross, PDA, etc.) will never require a fee or payment to receive disaster assistance.
- You may ask to see credentials and verify that organizations and individuals offering assistance are legitimate.
- You always have the right to refuse services, especially when someone uses high-pressure tactics.

Finally, know that we are praying for you—for wisdom as you discern where your congregation can be most helpful, for strength for those who are already tired, and especially for our neighbors whose homes, possessions, and sense of security have been disrupted.

May God give us what we need for today and keep reminding us that we do not do this work alone. We are in this together, and the Presbytery and PDA are here to walk alongside you in the days and weeks ahead.

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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 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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