



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost | August 30, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

Matt Kroeger & Katie Bulloff

PRELUDE

"Praeludium in G Minor" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

* 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. 612

"We Praise You, O God" | KREMSE

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.

We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.

We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

* SILENT CONFESSION

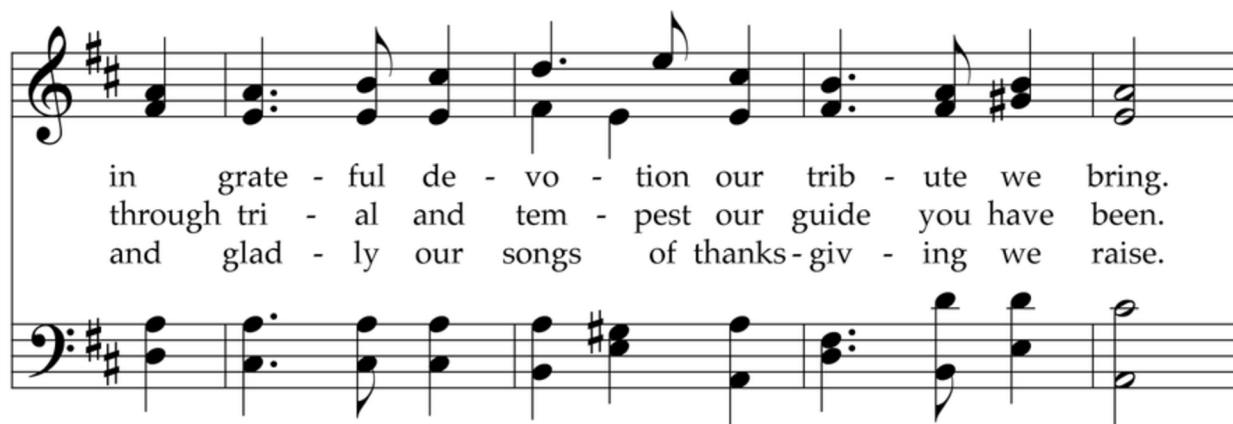


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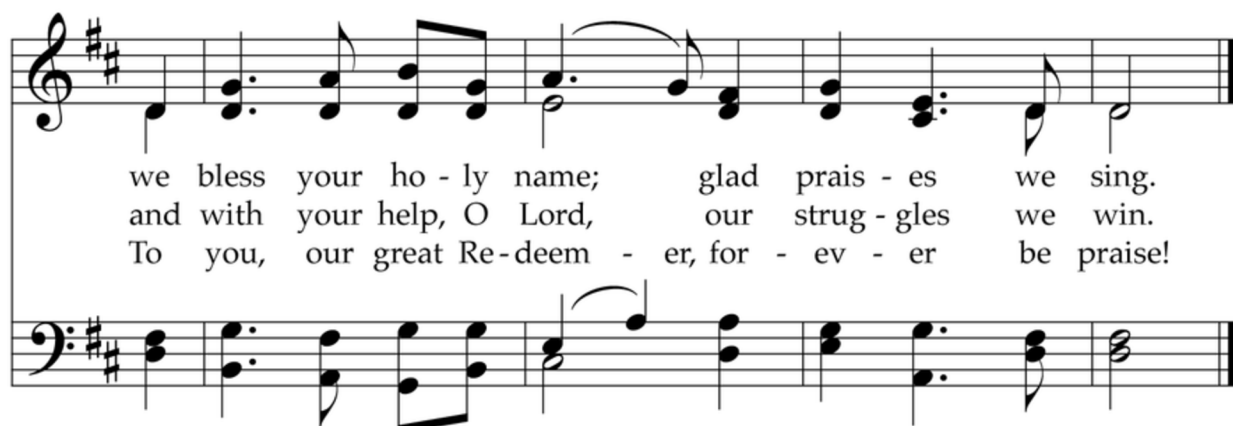
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

* **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 for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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 peo - ple on earth. earth." The score includes a repeat sign after the first line. The final line is marked with "Em" (E minor) and "E7" (E7) chords, and is labeled "Repeats" and "Last time".

* **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

Isaiah 49:5-6, 8-13 | OT p. 679

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21 | NT p. 61, *Spark Bible* p. 252

SERMON

"Liberating Salvation" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 321

"The Church's One Foundation" | *AURELIA*

ANTHEM

"Prayer of the Children" | *arr. Andrea Blouse*

Can you hear the prayer of the children?
On bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room
Empty eyes with no more tears to cry
Turning heavenward toward the light

Crying Jesus, help me
To see the morning light-of one more day
But if I should die before I wake,
I pray my soul to take

Can you feel the hearts of the children?
Aching for home, for something of their very own
Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to,
But hope for a better day, a better day

Crying Jesus, help me
To feel the love again in my own land
But if unknown roads lead away from home,
Give me loving arms, away from harm

Can you hear the voice of the children?
Softly pleading for silence in a shattered world?
Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate,
Blood of the innocent on their hands

Crying Jesus, help me
To feel the sun again upon my face,
For when darkness clears I know you're near,
Bringing peace again

Dali cujete sve dječje molitve?
(Croatian translation: Can you hear all the children's prayers?)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



The Church's One Foundation 321



1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.



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

"Soliloquy" | *David Conte (b. 1950)*

* 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

"God is Love" | *DEUS ARMOR EST*



1. God is love, and love will nev - er harm us, though wars still
2. God is love, and love will nev - er force us to fol - low
3. God is love, and love will nev - er shame us when we have
4. God is love, and love will nev - er leave us, no mat - ter



rage and vio - lence will not cease. God is love, and love seeks to dis -
or - ders by di - vine de - cree. God is love, and love does not co -
sinned and fled from God's em - brace. God is love, and love runs to re -
where we go or why we roam. God is love, and love waits to re -



arm us, for God is love, and love will lead to peace.
erce us, for God is love, and love is al - ways free.
claim us, for God is love, and love em - bod - ies grace.
ceive us, for God is love, and love will be our home.

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May the God of creation, liberation, and illumination
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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Bring Me All Your Dreams" | *arr. Christopher Harris*

Bring me all of your dreams,

You dreamers,

Bring me all of your

Heart melodies

That I may wrap them

In a blue cloud-cloth

Away from the too-rough fingers

Of the world.

Poem by Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

IN WORSHIP

As we are sent forth today, members of C4 sing "Bring me all your dreams," an SATB arrangement of Langston Hughes' poem "The Dream Keeper," 1925. Hughes (1901-1967) wrote novels, short stories, plays, and poetry, and is also known for his engagement with the world of jazz and the influence it had on his writing, as in his 1951 book-length poem *Montage of a Dream Deferred*. His life and work helped shape the artistic contributions of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s. The arranger, Texas native Christopher Harris, is a choral composer, baritone soloist, and conductor. He serves as Director of Choral Studies and Assistant Professor of Music at Arkansas Tech University.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

C4 (Circle City Chamber Choir)

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2027 Officer Nominations are now open!
Visit northminster.church/nominate



Events and Announcements

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

The Indianapolis-based choir C4 will present "Hear Me, And Be Well" at Northminster this afternoon at 4:00 pm! 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

Stress, anxiety, and depression are experiences that touch our lives, but what if we could understand our responses with less shame and more compassion? Join Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ for a conversation around these topics!

"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!

Taizé Prayer 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!



Weekend of Caring | September 19 & 20

Volunteer for various projects with Northminster Mission partners! Sign up today and make a difference here at Northminster and in our community. Sign-up is available on Civic Champs or on Sundays in The Gathering Place.

Electronics Recycling | September 19 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gather up your tired, old, sad, broken, or unused devices and components and bring them to the parking lot where RecycleForce will collect them, strip them down for appropriate recycling, and support those in need of support.

Sound & Spirit: Conor Mallon Band | September 20 | 5:00 pm

Sound & Spirit returns for the 2026-27 season when we welcome the Conor Mallon Band! Winners of Ireland Tonight Radio Music's 2023 Album of the Year, Conor Mallon and his band make their only Indiana appearance.



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.

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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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