



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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*Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time | September 24, 2023, 10:00 am*

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

*Brian Shivers, Keane Ricchiuto, Andy Longo*

#### PRELUDE

*"Festival Voluntary" | Flor Peeters (1903-1986); Marko Petričić, Organ*

#### INTROIT

*"Jubilate Deo (Sing Joyfully to God)" | Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); Celebration and Peace Choirs*

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

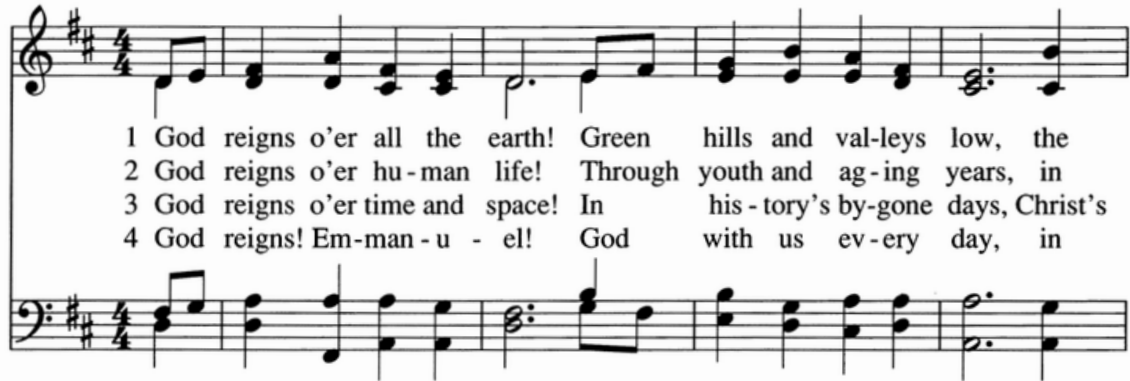
Creating God,  
Father and Mother of all creation,  
meet us where we are in this time of worship,  
that through it we might recognize you  
in the collection of people gathered here.  
Let us affirm and nurture the gifts  
that each individual brings to this community,  
and let us recognize these same gifts in ourselves.  
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who, with you and the Holy Spirit, breathed all of creation,  
in its wild and unexpected diversity, into being. Amen.

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

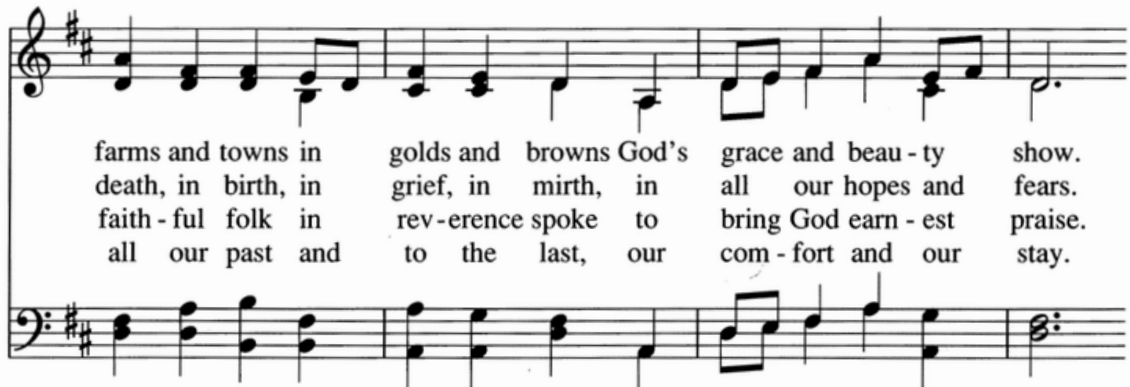


**\*HYMN**

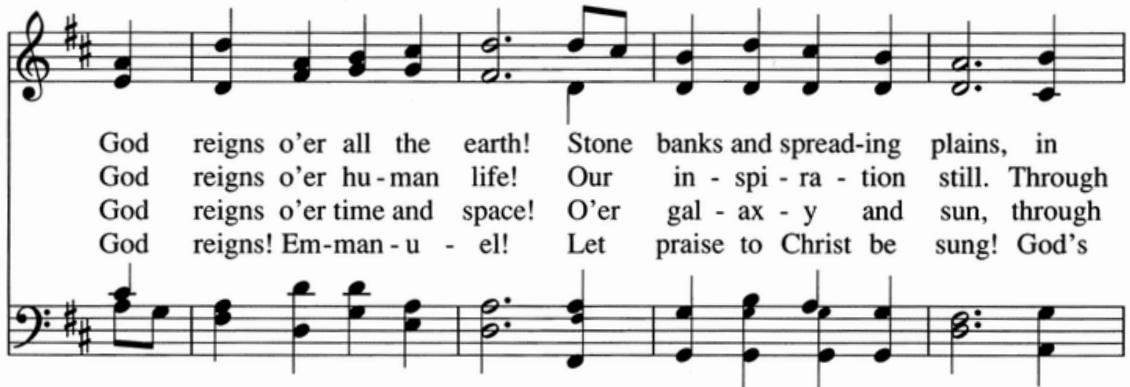
**"God Reigns o'er All the Earth" | TERRA BEATA**




1 God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the  
2 God reigns o'er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in  
3 God reigns o'er time and space! In his-tory's by-gone days, Christ's  
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God's grace and beau-ty show.  
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.  
faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.  
all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.



God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in  
God reigns o'er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through  
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er gal-ax-y and sun, through  
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God's



rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.  
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reign-ing will.  
time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.  
pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

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## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Karen Herbst-Kim*

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God,  
you love us, but we have not loved you.  
You call, but we have not listened.  
We walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,  
help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

## **\*SILENT CONFESSION**

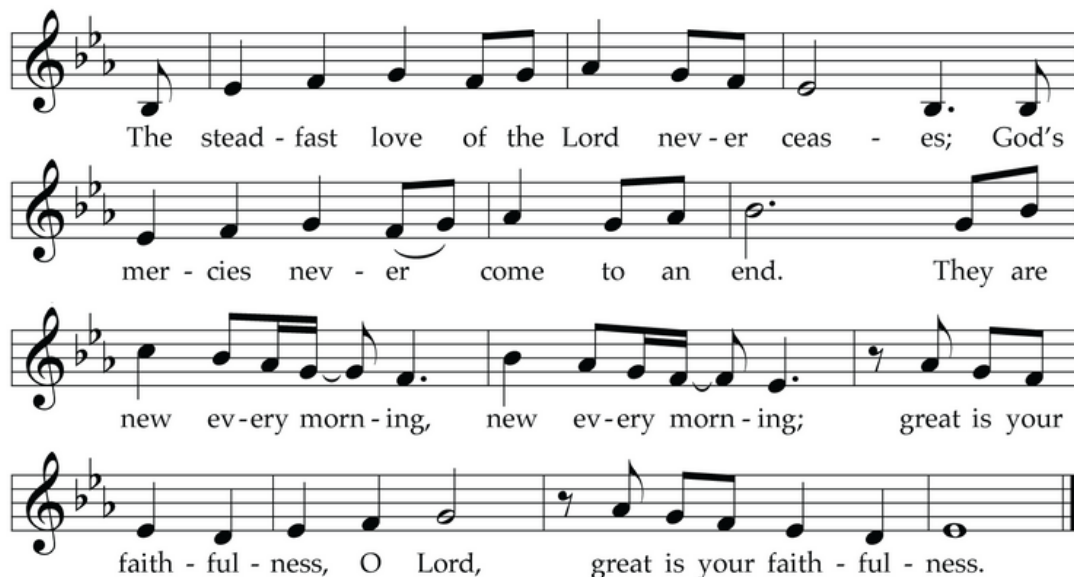
## **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear these comforting words:  
if we repent and believe in God's mercy, our sins are forgiven.

**We trust in God's promises and begin anew with God and all people,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

## **\*RESPONSE**

### **THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD**



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## 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.)*

### ANTHEM

"Glorify the Lord with Me" | *Stephen Elkins; Peace Choir*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

*(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)*

*Children are dismissed to Church School.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Living Word of God Eternal" | *KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS; Chancel Choir*

### FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11 (p. 861)

### PSALM 145: 1-8

*Hal Hopson (b. 1928); Doug Johnson, Cantor*



### SECOND LESSON | EPISTLE

Philippians 1: 21-30 (p. 196-197)

### SERMON

"A Life Worthy" | *Brian Shivers*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN NO. 481

"I Believe in God the Father" | *GENEVAN 42*

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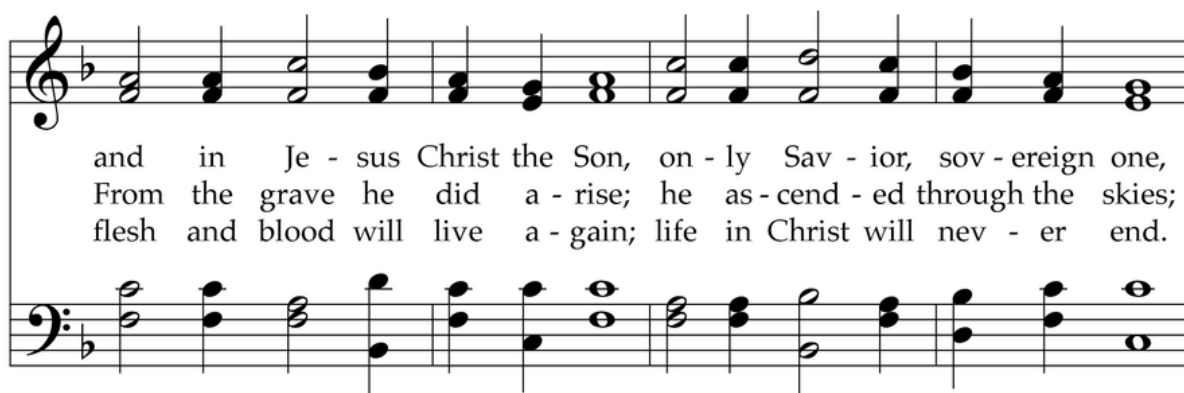
# I Believe in God the Father 481



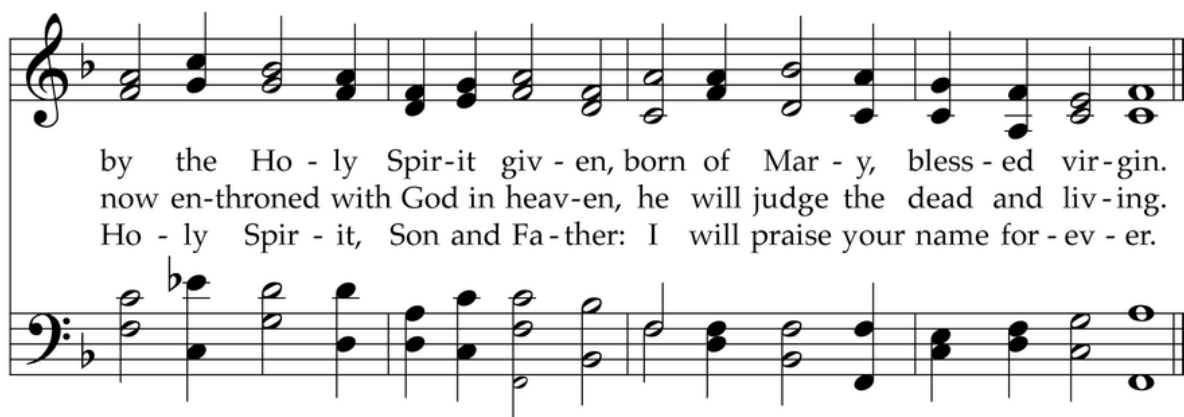
1 I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord,  
 2 Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath.  
 3 I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place;



mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore;  
 He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death.  
 saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace;



and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one,  
 From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies;  
 flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end.



by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.  
 now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.  
 Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.

## 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

"My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" | African-American spiritual,  
arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003); Chancel Choir

### \*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. 702

"Christ Be Beside Me" | BUNESSAN

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As you leave this place today,  
may God's love sustain you,  
and may we love those who surround us.  
May God's Spirit empower you,  
and may we empower all those we meet.  
May God's joy fill your hearts,  
and may this joy overflow to the ends of the earth for God's glory,  
now and forever. Amen.

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# Christ Be Beside Me

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1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.



## CHORAL RESPONSE

"God be in my head" | John Wright; Chancel Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be at my end and at my departing.

*Sarum Primer, 1514*

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## MUSIC IN WORSHIP

On any given Sunday in worship, many Christians respond to the preaching of the Word by proclaiming a creed of the church. The Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed are arguably the two most famous ancient creeds. Today's hymn following the sermon, "I Believe in God the Father," is a setting of the Apostle's Creed. Reciting or singing creeds in worship links us to the church of past ages and connects us to the worship of future ages. In a country that values individuality, novelty, situational ethics, and consumerism, creed-reciting Christians collectively pledge themselves to a set of convictions and thereby to each other. Creeds move the focus from "my" to "our". As theologian Ronald Byars states, "When the church is summoned to rise and profess its common faith, it does so not in a cacophony of simultaneous personal testimonies, but in words that belong to the community of saints, including both the living and the dead." This particular hymn setting was written by David Gambrell, Associate for Worship in the PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship and Co-Editor of the 2018 *Book of Common Worship*.

This morning's Offertory, "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord," is an African-American spiritual arranged by New Orleans native Moses Hogan (1957-2003). The piece focuses on the slaves' (singers') commitment to Christian life. The singer asserts, "My soul's been anchored in the Lord," meaning I've made a commitment to the Lord and I will not stray from it. I am planted, rooted, "anchored." The final 31 measures serve as a kind of profession-of-faith dialogue between the upper and lower voices of the choir. The upper voices ask, "Do you love Him," "Will you serve Him," "Are you anchored?" The lower voices answer emphatically, "Oh yes!" and "Hallelujah!" Toward the end of the piece, note the Tenors' emotional statements: "Lord, I'm anchored; Lord, I love You; Yes, I'll serve You; Lord, I'll praise You; Hallelujah!" In his short life, Hogan published over 70 arrangements of spirituals, most of which are a cappella. He also founded the internationally respected choir, the Moses Hogan Singers. Hogan's arrangements have become staples in the repertoire of high school, college, church, community and professional choirs worldwide.

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Flu Shot Clinic | Sep. 24 | 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Northminster is hosting a flu, pneumonia, and/or COVID-19 (if available) vaccine clinic in partnership with Franciscan Health! Make sure to bring your insurance card and a photo ID. You will receive a consent form before receiving your vaccinations.



## **Inter-faith Book Study | Sep. 26 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join us at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on W. 86th St., in collaboration with various faith backgrounds, for a discussion on chapters 7-9 of *Poverty, By America* by Matthew Desmond. Scan the QR code for information on the final date.



## **Christianity for Adults | Sep. 27 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Beginning on September 27, Northminster member Don Knebel will present a series of six classes he calls "Christianity for Adults." Future dates can be found, as well as a Zoom link, by scanning the QR code.



## **Peace & Global Witness Offering | Oct. 1**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Scan the QR code for ways to give during this special offering.



## **Toilet Paper Donations for Westminster | Oct. 1**

The Mission Team is collecting toilet paper for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries food pantry. You're invited to donate toilet paper to the yellow bin located in the Gathering Place on Sunday, October 1st!

## **One Amaazing Lunch | Oct. 1 | 11:15 am - 1:00 pm**

Many orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya receive meal assistance daily through Northminster's support to Umoja. Join us for some "amaazing" soup and hear what is happening with the 21 schools sponsored by Umoja.



## **The Sum of Us: Faith & Fall Action Event | Oct. 3 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us at Christian Theological Seminary as Author and economist Heather McGhee shares the ways racism costs us all and how, together, we can create greater economic mobility. Space is limited so register today.



## **Northminster Mission Fair | Oct. 8 | 9:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Many of the NPC Mission partnerships are ready to share their passion for helping our neighbors near and far in Christ's love with you! More information will be available soon!

## **Linen & Housewares Drive | Now through Oct. 31**

In partnership with Faith Presbyterian Church, Northminster members are invited to help stock an apartment for a homeless family being supported by Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis. Scan the QR code to see items of need.



*All events can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](https://northminster.church/events)*



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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 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](http://northminster.church/newsletter)

## Prayer Lists

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