



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 22, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

"Fanfare" | *William Mathias (1934-1992)*

INTROIT

"Glorify the Lord with Me" | *Stephen Elkins*

*Refrain: Glorify, glorify the Lord with me.
Glorify, glorify the Lord with me.
Let us exalt His name together,
Let us exalt His name forever.
Oh, glorify, glorify the Lord with me.
Glorify, glorify the Lord our Lord.*

*In everything you say, glorify the Lord.
Every night and day glorify the Lord.
In all that you do, let His glory shine through. (Refrain)*

*OPENING SENTENCES

In this time set apart for worship,
the Holy Spirit invited us:

Draw near to God,
who is steady and sure.

Draw near to God,
who welcomes those often overlooked.

Draw near to God,
who draws us together,
threads woven in a shared fabric of faith.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 401

"Here in This Place" | *GATHER US IN*

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



Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of wisdom,
forgive our foolishness.
We desire what we do not need
and corrupt our relationships with envy.
You urge us to gentleness,
but we stir up conflict.

Give us your grace,
that we may harvest righteousness and peace,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.

**The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.**

Be assured that God is with us even now,
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

Praise God for new beginnings!

***RESPONSE**

"Jesus Loves Me!" | *JESUS LOVES ME*

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."

(Refrain)

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.)

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



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

"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken" | *LISTEN*

(Soloist sings first time, All sing second time)



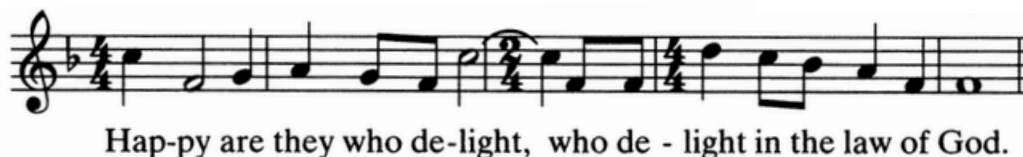
Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the
One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -
gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Mark 9:30 - 37 (p. 45)

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 1 | Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

James 3:13 - 4:3 (p. 230)

SERMON

"Heaven and Earth: Wisdom" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision" | SLANE

*For those who are able, please stand.



Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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

"Come, Great Love" | *Dominick DiOrio (b. 1984)*

Come, great love, our song you inspire.
Come, dear friends, and join in the choir.
Here is this place, a new bell is sounding;
Hear in this place, the organ resounding:
"Glory to God," it calls us to sing,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, great sun, and brighten our day.
Come, once more and show us the way.
Here in this place, a new son is rising;
Hear in this place, the lesson surprising:
"Glory to God," you teach us to pray.
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, rejoice, and lay down your sword.
Come, great peace, the word of the Lord.
Here in this place, a new life is stirring;
Hear in this place, the spirit unerring:
"Glory to God," our voices shall rise,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

Come, great love, and make us your own.
Come, we now, to kneel at your throne.
Here in this place, a new light is growing;
Hear in the place, Creator all-knowing:
"Glory to God," forever we sing,
"Glory to God, Alleluia!"

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



***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. 12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" | *ST. DENIO*

***COMMISSIONING**

Give us, O God, a childlike openness as we leave this faith community:

Joy, in the unforeseen opportunities and blessings;
simplicity, as we respond to need and cries for help;
care, for the sad and afraid;
wonder, in the face of nature's beauty;
and peace, as we feel your love around us.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be in My Head" | *John Wright*

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)

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



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



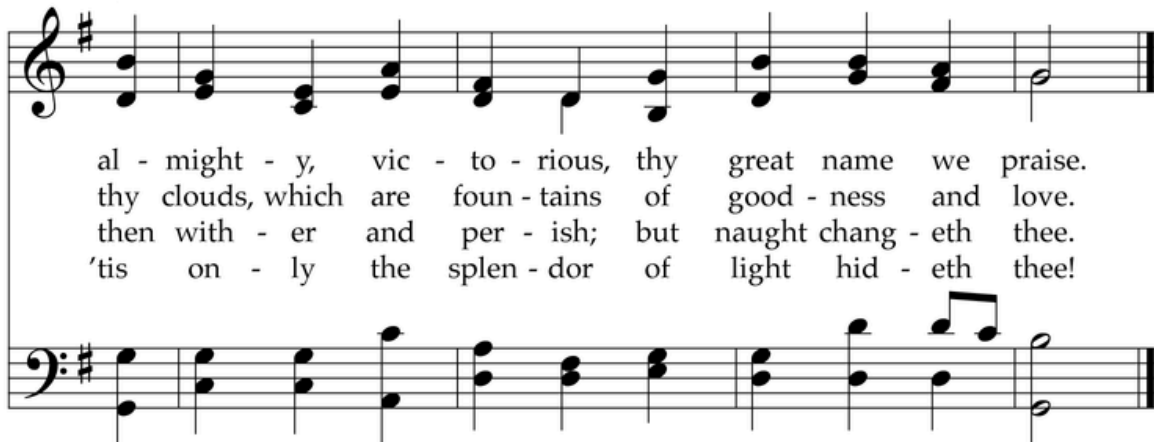
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

IN WORSHIP

This morning's opening hymn, No. 401 "Here in This Place" was composed by Marty Haugen (born 1950) in 1979. The hymn celebrates an "incarnational" understanding of God's presence in a physical place where people with flesh and bone come together in welcome. The hymn names, in pairs, those who gather to worship God: "the lost and forsaken, the blind and the lame, the rich and the haughty, the proud and the strong." From all sorts and conditions of humanity, the community of faith gathers to sing around word, water, bread, and wine. In singing this hymn, we pray that the fire of God's love will make hearts that are meek and courageous and lives that are holy and true.

The offertory, "Come, Great Love," was commissioned by two Northminster church members – John and Cheryl Plunkett – and dedicated to the Northminster Chancel Choir in celebration of our pipe organ, C. B. Fisk, Opus 154. Composer and author of the text, Dominick DiOrio, began writing the piece in the early days of COVID-19 and completed it in April 2020. Set for SATB chorus and organ, the text is set in hymn-like fashion, using four stanzas, each stanza ending with "Glory to God, Alleluia." To support the rich text, DiOrio composes an interesting and exciting part for the organ. As he states in the 2020 preface to the piece, "...this was the first piece that I have written since the onset of the pandemic. It took me many days to find the reserves of joy and optimism that are usually easy to access for me. For this reason, I offer my thanks to the NPC Chancel Choir, as they've helped me to rediscover and rekindle my own joy in a time of much loss." In addition to his life as a composer, Dr. Dominick DiOrio is a member of the choral conducting faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He holds degrees from Yale School of Music and Ithaca College.

SANCTUARY ART

The banners for the James sermon series were designed and crafted by Jerry Gray with some assistance from the worship art crew. Text selection was done in collaboration with Brian Shivers & Karen Herbst-Kim. The banners are paper cuts or "paper lace", cut from a heavy photo backdrop paper. The color behind the letters and designs is dyed silk. More than 100 hours were spent creating these banners.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Carol Frohlich | *Minute for Mission*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Benjamin Plunkett, Jonathan Shinn, & Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Cantors*
Peace Choir (*Katie Ray, Director*)
Miles Shadday | *Liturgist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chancel Choir

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



Events and Announcements

Franciscan Health Vaccine Clinic | Today | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Northminster is partnering with Franciscan Health to offer a vaccine clinic today in the Conference Room! The clinic is open to church members and the neighborhood, just show your insurance card if you have one.

Collaborative Worship Art Project | Today | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

We have 63 squares to paint for our World Communion Sunday banner and we need you to come paint! Today is the last day to help paint a square. To learn more, scan the QR code and if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Longo.



Beyond The Bridge Film Reflection | Today | 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Folks who attended the film screening, *Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness* are invited to participate in a follow-up conversation in the Knox room to reflect on what we heard and saw. Contact Pastor Karen with any questions!

My Country 'Tis of Who? with Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm | Sep. 25th | 6:00 pm

Join us for the last of a 3-week series with the Rev. Dr. Dick Hamm titled "My Country 'Tis of Who?" as part of Northminster's fall speaker series. This Wednesday's discussion is "The Threat to Our Democracy". Learn more by scanning the QR code!



2025 Kenya Trip with Umoja | Deposits Due Sep. 29th

A mission trip to Kenya is planned for June 6-20, 2025! The total cost is \$4000-\$5000 and a \$1,000 deposit to hold your spot is due September 29th. Scholarships are available. Please contact Karen Herbst-Kim for more information.

"Amaizing" Lunch | Sep. 29th | 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Join us on Sunday, September 29th for the "Amaizing" Lunch! Enjoy freshly made soup, hear about the Umoja Partnership, and learn how Northminster supports students in Kenya. You might even be inspired to join the 2025 trip! Volunteers are also needed!



Bread for the World "Nourish Our Future" | Oct. 3rd | 6:30 pm

Hosted at Light of the World Christian Church (Michigan Rd.), the "Nourish Our Future" event will seek to secure Senator Young's commitment to the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and educate attendees about its importance. Scan the QR code to learn more!



Confronting Christian Nationalism with Rev. Beau Underwood | Oct. 2nd | 6:00 pm

Join us on October 2nd for "Confronting Christian Nationalism". Rev. Underwood is the senior minister of Allisonville Christian Church, holds graduate degrees from the University of Chicago, and regularly contributes to various publications.



Bread Bakers & Chalice Collectors

If you are interested in baking bread or lending chalices of all types for World Communion Sunday on October 6th, please contact Anne Kenley to learn more! Additional details and contact information can be found by scanning the QR code.



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Rod Mail
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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.


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