



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost | September 21, 2025, 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

INTROIT

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" | *NETTLETON, arr. John Carter*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

* HYMN NO. 34

"Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!" | *RUSTINGTON*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

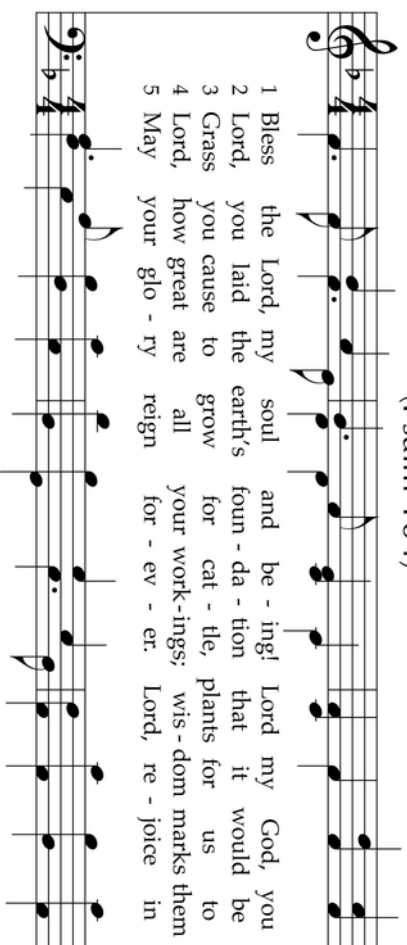
Loving Creator,
your love is without limit;
you gave your very life for us.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we your people are hesitant
to share even the smallest of our gifts.
O Christ, you model a life of service,
always attentive to the ones in need.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we your people refuse
to hear the cries of our neighbors.
O Christ, you call us into community,
joining the church in one faith, one baptism.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we fail to live up to your calling.
Forgive us,
renew us,
and remake us into your faithful people.

* SILENT CONFESSION

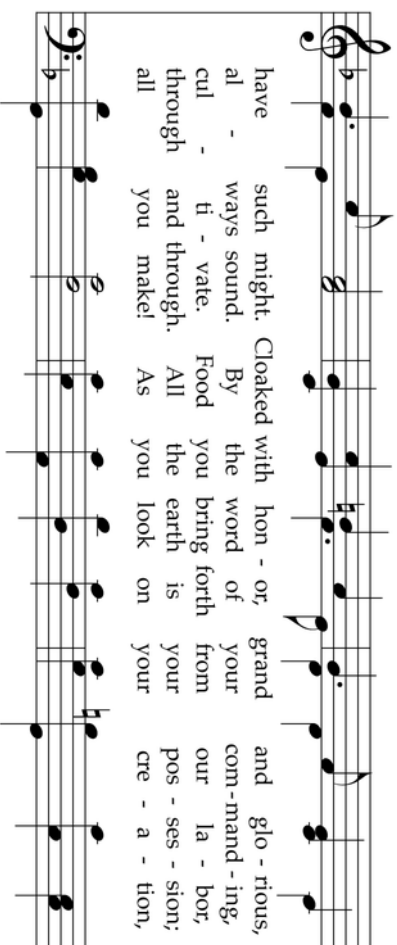


34 Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

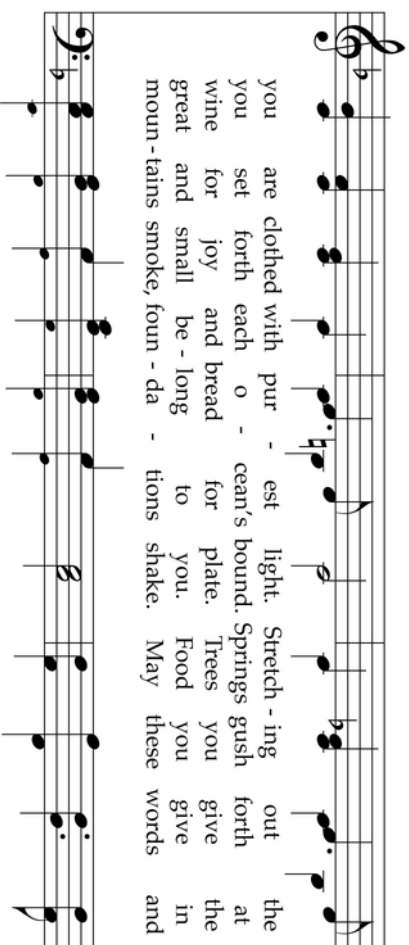
(Psalm 104)



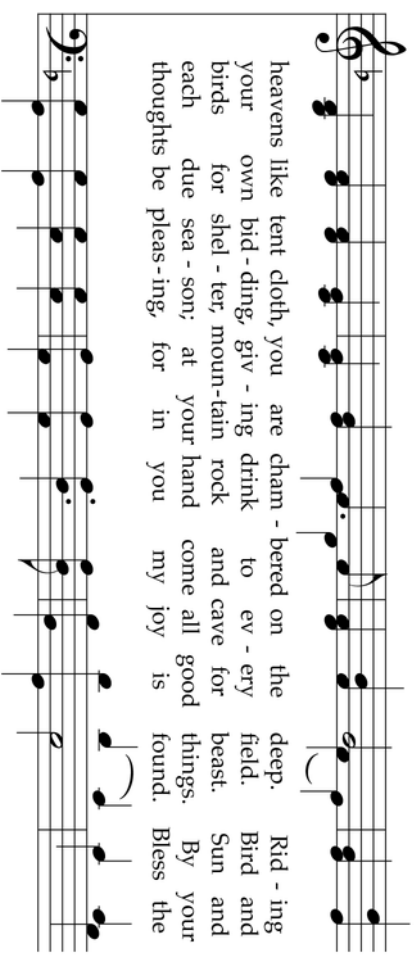
1 Bless the Lord, my soul and be - ing! Lord my God, you
 2 Lord, you laid the earth's foun - da - tion that it would be
 3 Grass, you cause to grow for cat - tle, plants for us to
 4 Lord, how great are all your work - ings; wis - dom marks them
 5 May your glo - ry reign for - ev - er. Lord, re - joice in



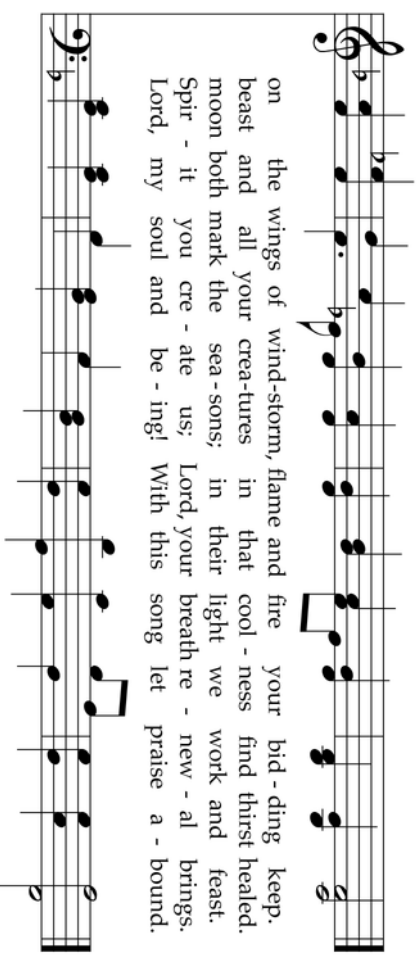
have such might. Cloaked with hon - or, grand and glo - rious,
 al - ways sound. By the word of your com - mand - ing,
 cul - ti - vate. Food you bring forth from our la - bor,
 through and through. All the earth is your pos - ses - sion;
 all you make! As you look on your cre - a - tion,



you are clothed with pur - est light. Stretch - ing out the
 you set forth each o - cean's bound. Springs gush forth at
 wine for joy and bread for plate. Trees you give the
 great and small be - long to you. Food you give in
 moun - tains smoke, foun - da - tions shake. May these words and



heavens like tent cloth, you are cham - bered on the deep. Rid - ing
 your own bid - ding, giv - ing drink to ev - ery field. Bird and
 birds for shel - ter, moun - tain rock and cave for beast. Sun and
 each due sea - son; at your hand come all good things. By your
 thoughts be pleas - ing, for in you my joy is found. Bless the



on the wings of wind - storm, flame and fire your bid - ding keep.
 beast and all your crea - tures in that cool - ness find thirst healed.
 moon both mark the sea - sons; in their light we work and feast.
 Spir - it you cre - ate us; Lord, your breath re - new - al brings.
 Lord, my soul and be - ing! With this song let praise a - bound.

This 20th-century paraphrase of Psalm 104 is careful to include the details of creation that give this psalm its character. This comprehensive text is well served by its expansive Victorian tune, named for the town in Sussex where the composer lived in his later years.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God,
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
It cannot be contained, but must be poured out.

(Water is poured)

**Nothing we have done,
nothing we will ever do
is enough to separate us from the love of God.**

I declare in the name of the risen Christ
that our sins are forgiven and our lives are made whole.

Praise God for new beginnings.

* RESPONSE

"Glory to God" | Grayson W. Brown, arr. Val Parker

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. It features a four-measure rest marked with a '4' above it, followed by the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God,'. The second staff continues with 'Glo - ry to God ___ in the high - est. ___'. The third staff has 'Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, ___ and'. The fourth staff concludes with 'peace to his peo - ple on all ___ the earth.' and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together and some measures containing rests.

* 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 AND THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

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

Children are dismissed to Church School

ANTHEM

"Shine on Me" | African-American spiritual, arr. Rollo Dilworth (b. 1970)

Shine on me. Shine on me.
I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Oh, shine on me. Shine on me.
I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.

Is a light shinin' above?
Is it shinin' above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin' if there's a light that is shinin' above in the heavens for me.
Oh, is a light shinin' above?
Is it shinin' above in the heavens for me?
I'm wonderin' if there's a light that will shine on me.
Will it shine on me?

Oh, shine on me. Shine on me.
I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Oh, shine on me. Shine on me.
I wonder if the lighthouse will shine on me.
Will it shine on me?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 113



SECOND LESSON | PROPHETS

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 | OT p. 709

SERMON

"A Time for Lament" | Karen Herbst-Kim

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 787

"God Weeps With us Who Weep and Mourn" | MOSHIER

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

"Laudate Dominum" (from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*, K. 339) | W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia ejus,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise him, all people.
For he has bestowed
his mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

Psalm 117

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. 346

"For the Healing of the Nations" | ST. THOMAS

God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn



1 God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's
2 Through tears and sor - row, God, we share a
3 And yet be - cause, like us, you weep, we



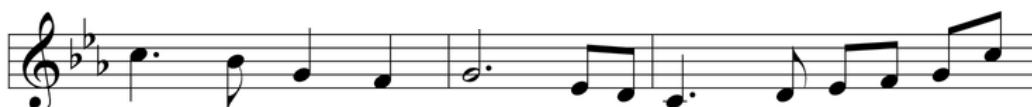
tears flow down with ours, and God's own heart is
sense of your vast grief: the weight of bear - ing
trust you will re - ceive and in your ten - der



bruised and worn from all the heav - y hours
ev - ery prayer for heal - ing and re - lief,
heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,



of watch - ing while the soul's bright fire burned
the bur - den of our ques - tions why, the
while with your tears our hearts will taste the



low - er day by day, and pulse and breath and
doubts that they en - gage, and as our friends and
deep, dear core of things from which both life and



love's de - sire dimmed down to ash and clay.
loved ones die, our hope - less - ness and rage.
death are graced by love's re - new - ing springs.

This hymn especially appropriate for funerals began as a wordless tune composed upon reading the obituary of Thomas Layton Moshier, a friend who died from AIDS. Several months later the tune was sent to the author, who created this text incorporating a reference to Romans 12:15.

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Siblings in Christ,
however dark the night gets –
whatever you have squandered –
know that you are held by a love like this:
the Creator who made you still claims you in covenant love;
the One who died for your sake lives again by the Word of God;
the Sustainer of all creation breathes courage into your heart.

**Let us go and serve boldly,
sensitive to others' pain and joy,
giving thanks to God,
who encompasses the whole of creation.**

POSTLUDE

"Tierce en taille" | *Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)*

IN WORSHIP

The anthem "Shine on Me," sung by our Peace Choir, is an arrangement of the traditional gospel blues song by educator and composer Rollo Dilworth. Set in gospel style, the piece uses a 9/8 meter with bluesy piano accompaniment and a generous use of seventh chords. Dilworth (born 1970) is on the faculty of Boyer College of Music and Dance, Philadelphia, and serves on the national board chair for Chorus America.

This morning's Offertory, "Laudate Dominum," is the fifth movement of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's six-movement *Vesperae solennes de Confessore*, KV 339 ("Solemn Vespers of the Confessor"). This work was Mozart's final composition for the Salzburg Cathedral in 1780 before departing his hometown in search of greater artistic opportunities in Vienna. One of two settings he made of the Vesper service, K. 339 was probably intended for the celebration of St. Rupert, (the "confessor" of the title and a patron saint of Salzburg). The text consists of five Psalms and the Magnificat canticle. This morning, the choir and soloist sings the *Laudate Dominum* movement, a setting of Psalm 117, and one of Mozart's masterpieces. His love of the soprano voice is amply displayed in long, luxurious lines over a simple, guitar-like accompaniment. Following the solo, the choir enters with the "Gloria Patri" text, sopranos singing a reprise of the melody as the lower voices add graceful harmonies that underlie the text's promise that the mercy of God belongs to all.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Chancel Choir

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Peace Choir | *Katie Ray, Director*

Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

Flu Shot Clinic | Today | 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 shots following today's worship.

Adult Ed on Housing Insecurity | September 24th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

We'll welcome Niki Wattson, Streets to Home Indy (STHI) Director, to discuss outreach, respectful interaction with unhoused neighbors, and the actual work happening with STHI!



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 of our LGBTQIA+ siblings, and grow together. Learn more by scanning the QR code and register today!



Whitewater Valley Youth Social | September 28th | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth groups from across the Presbytery are invited to join this epic youth gathering right here at NPC! We'll have bounce houses, a cookout dinner, games, and the chance to connect with youth from across the Presbytery!

2026 Annual Appeal Starts Soon

Beautiful Streams of Generosity flow through Northminster Presbyterian Church. The 2026 Annual Appeal is starting soon! Be on the lookout for more information and pledge cards in your mail in the coming weeks.

Mission Collection: Halloween Costumes & Candy | September

The Mission Team is collecting new children's halloween costumes and candy for our partners at Family Promise. Please consider a donation in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place!

Simple Strength with Kim Allen | Mondays in Sep. | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Nervous about lifting on your own or not sure where to start? Learn basic strength exercises in a safe space! All body types and abilities are welcome for this 4-week series. Pre-registration is required.



Umoja Partner Trip & Commitment Lunch | October 5th | 11:30 am

Northminster is making a trip to Kenya in June 2026 to visit and learn from our Umoja partners! If you're interested, please contact Pastor Karen or register for the commitment lunch on October 5th!



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Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
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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