



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent | March 16, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Meditation on NETTLETON" | *Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist sings,
one thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in God's temple.**

Siblings in Christ, God is good,
and in love and mercy greets us here.

*HYMN NO. 441

"Hear the Good News of Salvation" | *NETTLETON*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
we have stumbled from the path that you have set before us.
We have embraced a mind-set of scarcity
instead of trusting your abundance.
We have hoarded treasures to ensure our own comfort
instead of sharing your gifts with our neighbors.
We have hurt others by the things we have done
and through the things we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
soul and mind or our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, O God.
In this season of Lent,
remind us of Jesus' own encounter with temptation in the wilderness
and help us follow the example he sets.
Return us to the path you call us to,
and give us the courage to follow your lead
even when it is difficult.

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



Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

Wotanin waste nahon po



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.
2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.
1 *Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:*
2 *Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,*



Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.
I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:
to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.
kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!
Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.
ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.



This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*KYRIE

Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Come — and heal us.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, in the shadow of the Almighty,
we take shelter.

As a hen gathers her chicks under protective wings,
Mother God, gather us in love.

From this place of motherly mercy, we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

*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

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

Children are dismissed to Church School

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 27 | *The Community of Taize*

Refrain

The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust, in God I trust.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.**

For God will hide me in the shelter in the day of trouble;

God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;

God will set me high on a rock. (Refrain)

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. (Refrain)

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord! (Refrain)**

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 13: 31-35 | NT p. 77

SERMON

“Costly But Not Expensive” | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Based on the Apostles Creed)

Do you believe and trust in God, who made the world?

I believe in God, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God’s Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humankind?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This is the faith of the church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

ANTHEM

"They Are Mother" | Jennifer Lucy Cook (b. 1984)

What shall I call this force I know
Who do I come to when I wonder
The space that holds me when I'm low
More than a parent, friend, or lover

They are Mover
They are Maker
They are Mother, mm
They are Mother, mm

They are the breath I see in cold
The ready muscle in the sprinter
They are the glitter and the gold
The steady heat lamp in the winter

They are Mover
They are Maker
They are Mother, mm
They are Mother, mm

They nod and know
They need nothing
They're god and grow
They bleed blessings

They are solitude
They are multitude
They are gratitude
Gratitude

Laugh lines around the all-seeing eye
And I can lean into the sky

What shall I call this force I know
Who do I come to when I wonder

They are Mover
They are Maker
They are Mother, mm
They are Mother, mm
They are Mother, mm
They are Mother, mm

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY

"Jerusalem! Thou That Killest the Prophets" (from *St. Paul*) | *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Thou that killest the prophets,
thou that stonest them which are sent unto thee!
How often would I have gathered unto Me thy children,
and ye would not!

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *OLD 100TH*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!" | *LEWIS-TOWN*



1. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem! cry
2. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem! I
3. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem! With
4. Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem! sighs



out the proph - et's bones: I pray for you, I
long to draw you near— to wel - come you, to
bless - ing I have come to seek your peace, to
Christ, the brood - ing hen. An - oth - er day, an -



weep for you— you an - swer me with stones.
com - fort you, to shel - ter you from fear.
seek your good. My work is al - most done.
oth - er day, and I will come a - gain.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Send us into the world, O God.

Encourage us to cast hope into the darkness.

Send us into the world, O Christ.

Empower us to embody faith to the distressed.

Send us into the world, Holy Spirit.

Embolden us to light the way to your presence.

Go now into the world, Lenten travelers.

We go, in the name of the Triune God

in whom there is no shadow at all.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“II. Andante Tranquillo” (from *Sonata No. 3, Op. 65 in A Major*) | *Felix Mendelssohn*

IN WORSHIP

Today’s anthem, “They are Mother,” is a 2021 commissioned piece by the Utah Valley Chamber Choir. In the preface to this composition, composer Jennifer Lucy Cook writes that she consulted with a good friend who “is a trans man and interfaith minister, to create a text that embodies the energy of the feminine divine that is present in any gender. I chose to use they/them pronouns, which capture both the nonbinary and the nonsingular mystery and grandeur of the divine creating force, and by doing so, welcomes everyone into the work.” Based in Los Angeles, California, Cook is a composer and lyricist, writing choral works, pop songs, and music for stage and screen. She has written commissioned works for the Phoenix Chorale, the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus and Vox Femina.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organist*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Chamber Ensemble

Elisabeth Kleinsmith | *Soprano*

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Events and Announcements

Sound & Spirit: Requiem - Gabriel Fauré | Today | 4:00 pm

The Northminster Chancel Choir and orchestra, featuring Michael Preacely, Baritone, perform Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, along with repertoire by Tye, Lauridsen, Hogan, and Trotta.



Deacons' Plant Sale | Now Through Apr. 6th

Submit your orders online, stop by The Gathering Place on Sundays through April 6th, or bring a physical order form to the office during regular hours! Orders are due April 6th, and pick up is Saturday, May 3rd. Learn more online!



Contemplative Prayer and Practice Circle (CPPC) | Mar. 19th | 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Join us in the Knox Room for a weekly silent prayer session, including body prayer, chanting, walking, and meditative reading. Contact Mary Beth Riner for more information!



Writing Our Faith Legacy Stories | Mar. 19th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us for a continuing workshop (3/19, 3/26, 4/9) on writing faith legacy stories, led by Mary Beth Riner, Girtha Perkins, and Emi Johnson. Attend as many sessions as you'd like! No registration is needed.



Prayers & Priorities | Mar. 23rd | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Join us for the second of two conversations with Pastor Brian and Rabbi Jordana Chernow-Reader on the challenges and changing landscape of religion in the United States. All are welcome!



Mirror Indy Chat 'N' Chew | Mar. 25th | 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come Chat and enjoy refreshments with Mirror Indy! Share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns in a supportive and inclusive environment. Learn more by scanning the QR code and register by March 24th.



March Mission Collection: Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

The Mission Team is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for our mission partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services! Help us restock the low shelves at Westminster by donating in the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

Religious Art and Faith | Starting Apr. 2nd | 8:00 - 9:30 am

Led by Jerry Gray, join the Men's Prayer Breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through July 16th as we contemplate a painting of one of the Masters and how they express a biblical scene. Learn more online!



Additional events and information can be found on our website at northminster.chuch/events

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Teri Thomas
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Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

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.

Weekly Email Newsletters

Stay up to date with everything going on at Northminster by subscribing to our newsletter at northminster.church/newsletter

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The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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