



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent | March 23, 2025, 10:00 am

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

"Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit," BWV 669 | J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

Everyone who thirsts:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,  
repent and turn so that you may live.**

All who are hungry for righteousness:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,  
repent and turn so that you may live.**

All who need the help of God:

**Come to the waters, seek the Lord,  
repent and turn so that you may live.**

**O God, we lift up our hearts and call on your name.**

#### \*HYMN NO. 415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" | *RESTORATION*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in response to you.**

**You set before us a rich feast of blessing,  
but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.**

**You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,  
but we indulge our own desires.**

**Our ways are not your ways;  
our thoughts do not ascend  
to your thoughts.**

**Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.**

**Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.**

**Help us amend**

**who we are,**

**in the hope of living the lives you intend.**

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



# 415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*Refrain*  
*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
 you will nev - er come at all.  
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

## \*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, incline your ear and listen, so that you may live.

**God's love is sure and steadfast.**

God's love provides a way out,  
a way through,  
a way back to God.

**Through the waters of baptism,  
we have died with Christ and are raised with him.**

Trust this good news - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God for new beginnings.**

## \*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

"Send Out Your Light" | *Traditional Taize*

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide.

Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

### FIRST LESSON | GOSPEL

Luke 13: 1-9 | *NT p. 76, Spark Bible p. 372*

### SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 63 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933)*



Lord, you are my hope and stay; I will ev - er sing your praise.

### THIRD LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 55: 1-9 | *OT p. 685*

### SERMON

"Money Can't Buy Happiness" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*HYMN NO. 479

"Ho, All Who Thirst" | *JACOB'S WELL*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# Ho, All Who Thirst

Come Now to the Water

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*Refrain*

*All*



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and



all whose souls are parched and wea - ry, come and drink!



Ho, all who thirst, come now to the wa - ter, and



*Fine*

from your heart will flow a nev - er - fail - ing spring!

*Leader or All*



- 1 Why for - sake the Lord, the fount of liv - ing wa - ter,
- 2 For the Lamb will be our shep - herd and will guide us
- 3 All who come may take this gift of liv - ing wa - ter.

*to Refrain*



choos - ing bro - ken cups that can - not be filled?  
to the well - springs of the wa - ter of life.  
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

This song brings together many biblical references that help to enlarge an appreciation of the water of baptism. The refrain is based on Isaiah 55:1, stanza one adapts Jeremiah 2:13, stanza two draws on Revelation 7:17, and the third stanza condenses the imagery of John 4:10-14.

## 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

"We Will March Through the Valley in Peace" | *African-American spiritual,*  
*arr. Alice Parker (1925-2023)*

We will march through the valley in peace.  
If Jesus himself be our leader,  
we will march through the valley in peace.

We will walk here together in peace.  
If Jesus himself be our leader,  
we will walk here together in peace.

We will sing here together in peace.  
If Jesus himself be our leader,  
we will sing here together in peace.

## \*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. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## \*HYMN NO. 800

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” | *SALLEY GARDENS*

## \*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. Tierce en taille” (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) | *Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)*

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## IN WORSHIP

Our hymn following the sermon, No. 479 “Ho, All Who Thirst,” was written by Alexander Peters (born 1961) and first published in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. He claims Isaiah 55: 1 (“Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters”) served as the basis of the hymn. That verse became the starting point on which the refrain was based, and other water and spring references were adapted for the stanzas. Today, this hymn connects with our Old Testament Lesson, Isaiah 55: 1 -9 and Psalm 63, in which the Psalmist sings “Apart from you I long and thirst.”

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organist*

Becky Huehls | *Liturgist*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Jonathan Shinn & Benjamin Plunkett | *Soloists*

Chancel Choir

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# 800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;  
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue  
3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;  
4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;  
the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;  
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;  
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain  
set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,  
be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;  
yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.  
"Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."  
and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.  
for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

This is one of the few hymns rooted in what can happen during worship, and that experience—gaining a spiritual insight while singing—is no less possible now than when this text was written in the 18th century. It is set here to a folk song variously labeled Irish or English.



# Events and Announcements

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## **Prayers & Priorities | Today | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

Join us for a conversation 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 registering by March 24th.



## **Contemplative Prayer and Practice Circle (CPPC) | Mar. 26th | 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 details!



## **Writing Our Faith Legacy Stories | Mar. 26th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join us for a continuing workshop (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.



## **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!



## **IAC: Organizing People of Faith | Apr. 6th | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

The Indy Action Coalition (IAC) invites you to a special workshop to discuss how communities of faith can organize and align to build power to change the current political reality. Lunch will be provided and RSVP is appreciated!



## **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! Order due April 6th and pick up is Saturday, May 3rd. Learn more online!



## **Family Movie Night | Apr. 11th | 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join us for a fun, family-friendly movie night! We will be screening *The Wild Robot* (rated PG) in Calvin Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the movie will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Light snacks and beverages will be provided!

*Additional events and information 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 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](http://northminster.church/newsletter)

## Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit [northminster.church/prayer](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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