



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent | April 6, 2025, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Prière" | Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As people formed by God, we give praise to God.

West Side: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people restored by God, we give praise to God.

East Side: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

Leader: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God.

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us – God is doing a new thing!

*HYMN NO. 830

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" | *JESU, MEINE FREUDE*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love,
we confess that we have been wayward children.
We have disobeyed your commands;
our ears have been deaf to your call;
our hearts have been cold to your love.
In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others
and dishonored your name.

Forgive us, we pray.
In your great mercy, receive us yet again as your beloved children.

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



830 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would op -
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness! For the Lord of

plea - sure, tru - est friend to me; ah, how long I've
 press me can - not reach me here. Though the earth be
 glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in: God, who dear - ly

pant - ed, and my heart has faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for
 shak - ing, ev - ery heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my
 loves us, from all tri - al saves us; gives sweet peace with-

thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb: noth - ing in the
 fear; light-nings flash and thun - ders crash: yet, though sin and
 in; I have borne this world - ly scorn; still in thee lies

world can hide thee; naught I ask be - side thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

The classic marriage of words and music that characterizes German chorales can be seen well in this simple but intense text voiced by an already elegant tune that Bach burnishes in his harmonization. Text and tune evoke each other and reinforce the ardor of those who sing.

*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

Siblings in Christ – God is doing a new thing.

The old life has passed away and a new life has begun.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | PROPHETS

Isaiah 43: 16-21 | OT p. 672-673

SECOND LESSON | GOSPEL

John 12: 1-8 | NT p. 106, Spark Bible p. 444-445

SERMON

"Fragrance of Compassion" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"This is a Day of New Beginnings" | BEGINNINGS

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
5 In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -

bring-ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
dif-ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
griev-ing, seek-ing new paths, and sure to find.
gin-nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Soliloquy" | *David Conte (b. 1955)*

*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.

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM

"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" | *Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

The first system of musical notation for 'SANCTUS' is in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the bass staff has a fermata over the final chord.

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the bass staff has a fermata over the final chord.

Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the bass staff has a fermata over the final chord.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

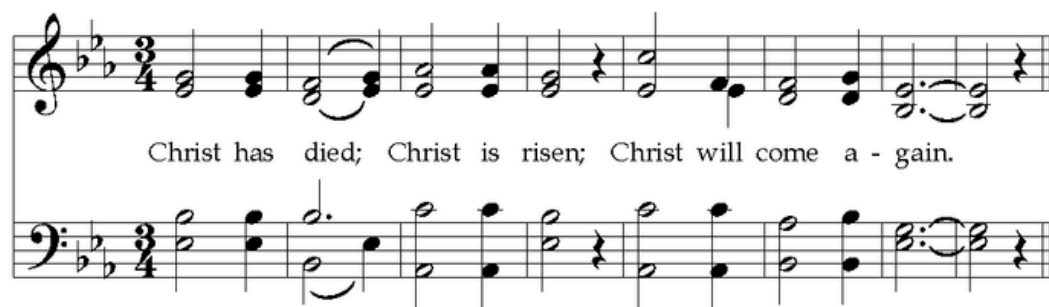
The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the bass staff has a fermata over the final chord.

Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The sixth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a repeat sign at the end, and the bass staff has a fermata over the final chord.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

arr. Richard Proulx



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

arr. Richard Proulx



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

(All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.)


*Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisles.
You may receive communion, anointing with oil, or both.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Do Not Be Afraid" | Sally Ann Morris

(Worshippers are invited to sing Refrain on cue from leader)

Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho-sen and be -

loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -

deemed you: by your name I called you for my own. Last time

Look up, a new thing I am doing;
it springs forth; look and see it grow.
Through wilderness I'll make a level highway;
through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.
(Refrain)

I am God, who blots out your transgressions;
for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
Only this much I ask, that you love me
and seek me and honor my name.
(Refrain)

The Lord, the Holy One of Israel
has promised to lead us on our way,
and we who love and worship God our Maker
will listen to hear the Spirit say:
(Refrain)

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace and compassion we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your saving death and resurrection
until you come again in glory.
Amen.

*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 ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN NO. 215

"What Wondrous Love Is This" | *WONDROUS LOVE*

*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.

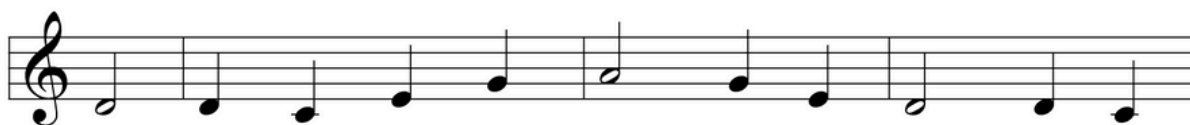
CHORAL RESPONSE

"Jesus, Meine Freude" | *J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

Jesu, meine Freude,
meines Herzens Weide,
Jesu, meine Zier!
Ach wie lang, ach lange,
ist dem Herzen bange
und verlangt nach dir!
Gottes Lamm, mein Bräutigam,
außer dir soll mir auf Erden
nichts sonst Liebers werden.

Jesus, my joy,
my heart's pasture,
Jesus, my treasure!
Ah, how long, ah long
has my heart suffered
and longed for you!
God's lamb, my bridegroom,
besides you on earth
nothing shall be dearer to me.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

IN WORSHIP

Our hymn after the sermon, “This Is a Day of New Beginnings,” reminds us we are new people in Christ and receivers of God’s grace. We can start afresh today. But moving on has a catch – there is need to put to “rest the pain that’s gone.” There is the need to leave behind “disappointment, guilt and grieving.” As we embrace “a day of new beginnings,” may we open ourselves to the Spirit’s leading and consider what opportunities and blessings God might have in store for us. Internationally published hymn writer – poet Brian Wren (b. 1936) wrote this text for a 1978 New Year’s Day service at Holy Family Church, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, England.

The Chancel Choir sings the anthem “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake,” as part of the invitation to Communion. The origin of the piece is uncertain. Although commonly ascribed to the English composer Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580), it has also been attributed to John Hilton (1599 – 1657). The text is taken from *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* (1566) by Henry Bull. This choral prayer suggests a humble sense of repentance, and a calm, confident trust in grace. The first 12 measures are sung homophonically, then slight imitation begins at “that we may walk in a perfect heart.” The closing imitative “Amen” is found in only a few sources and could be considered optional.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organist*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Chancel Choir
Jonathan Shinn | *Soloist*
Robert Heimach | *Retired Presbyterian Pastor*

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Events and Announcements

Deacons' Plant Sale | Orders Due Today by 11:55 pm

Submit your orders online or stop by The Gathering Place to submit your order today! Pick up is here at Northminster on Saturday, May 3rd from 9:00 - 11:00 am or on Sunday, May 4th following worship.



IAC: Organizing People of Faith | Today | 11:30 - 1:30 pm

The urgency of the political moment calls for action. Join this workshop on organizing to confront power and hear what the Indy Action Coalition (IAC) is working on. All are welcome! Lunch is provided for those who preregistered.



Exodus Community Night: Legislative Updates | Apr. 8th | 6:30 - 8:00 pm

You're invited to join Exodus Refugee at Northminster to learn more about recent state and federal bills affecting refugees and others. Scan the QR code to register in person or online through Zoom.



Writing Our Faith Legacy Stories | Apr. 9th | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us for our final workshop on April 9th as leaders Mary Beth Riner, Girtha Perkins, and Emi Johnson lead the final workshop on writing our legacy stories in terms of our faith life, church life, and personal life.



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

Join us for a family-friendly screening of *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, and don't forget a blanket!

Easter Plant & Décor Donations | Donations Close Apr. 15

Please consider a \$25 donation for plants and décor! Your personal dedications will be printed in the Easter bulletin. You can donate online or complete a form in The Gathering Place and deliver a check to the office.



New Member Class | Apr. 22nd | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Anyone interested in joining NPC as a member is invited to join us at 5:30 pm for dinner and a class at 5:45 pm! A second opportunity is available if needed. Scan the QR code to RSVP and contact the office if you have any questions.



Night Without A Bed | Now Through May 3rd

"Night Without a Bed" aims to raise funds to support Family Promise's 20+ temporary housing apartments, and we need your support! Scan the QR code to learn more and donate. Please contact Dolly Craft with any questions.



Holy Week At Northminster

Palm/Passion Sunday | Apr. 13 | 10:00 am

A palm procession leading us into the events of holy week.

Maundy Thursday | Apr. 17 | 7:00 pm

Gathered around the table of the last supper, we will encounter the visible symbols of Jesus' last earthly night. Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday Tenebrae | Apr. 18 | 7:00 pm

The ancient service of tenebrae includes readings, anthems, hymns, and the extinguishing of candles featuring Northminster's Chancel Choir and string quartet.

Easter Egg Hunt | Apr. 19 | 10:00 am

Candy and prizes for children of all ages! Spark Coffee truck available for adults. Registration begins at 10:00 am, and the hunt begins at 10:30 am.

Easter Sunday | Apr. 20 | 10:00 am

Join us during our regular worship time for a joyful celebration of the resurrection with Northminster's Chancel Choir and brass quintet.

Thank You from Teri Thomas

Dear Northminster,

I want to thank you for all your care and support around my mother's death. She loved visiting Northminster when she came to see me. I think she had half of Findlay watching the video stream.

Your notes and cards meant so much. The beautiful peace lily you sent is a constant reminder of your presence in my life and comfort in my loss.

Thank you so much,

Teri Thomas



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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.

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.

Prayer Lists

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

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