



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Third Sunday of Easter | May 4, 2025, 10:00 am*

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*"Toccata in F Major" | Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

#### INTROIT

*"With a Voice of Singing" | Kenneth Jennings (1925-2015)*

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this;  
Utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah.  
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah.  
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.  
Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this;  
Utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah.  
The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah.  
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.  
Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.

*(Isaiah 48:20; Psalm 66: 1-2)*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord our God, we praise you.

**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

You have restored our lives;

**you have rescued us from the grave.**

O Lord our God, we praise you.

#### \* HYMN NO. 826

*"Lift High the Cross" | CRUCIFER*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

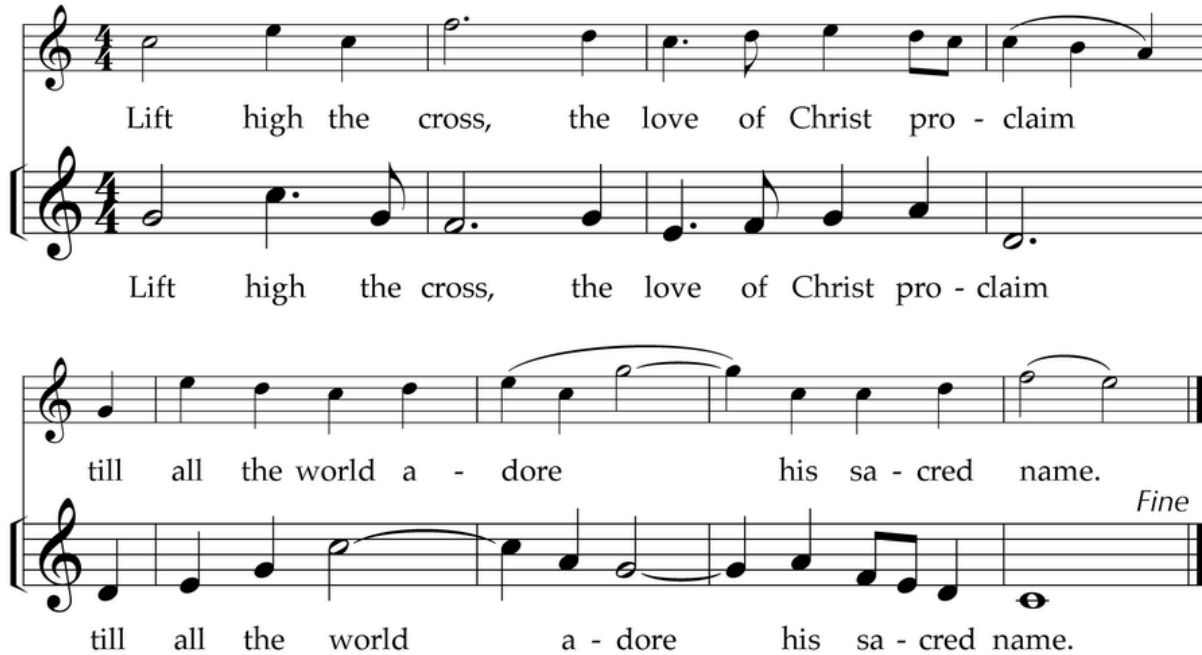


# Lift High the Cross

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*Refrain*

*Descant*

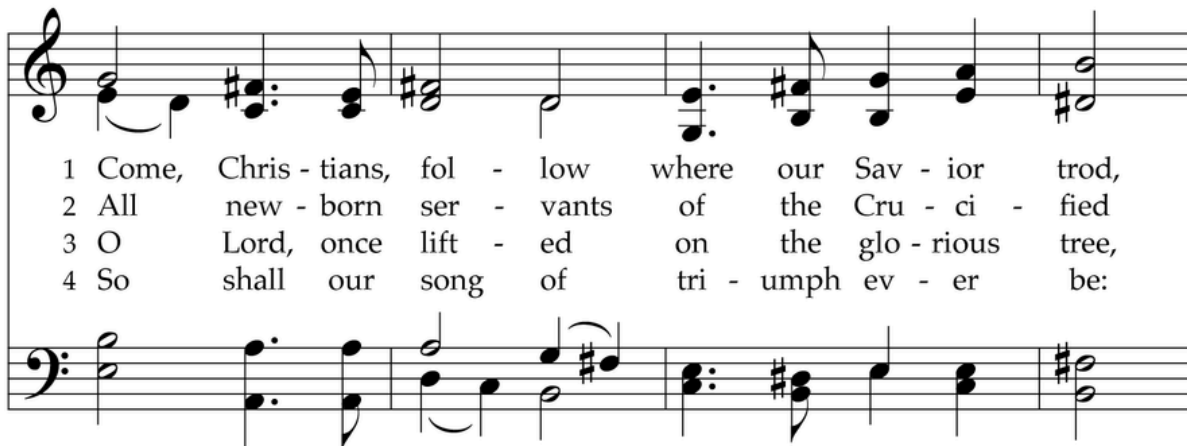


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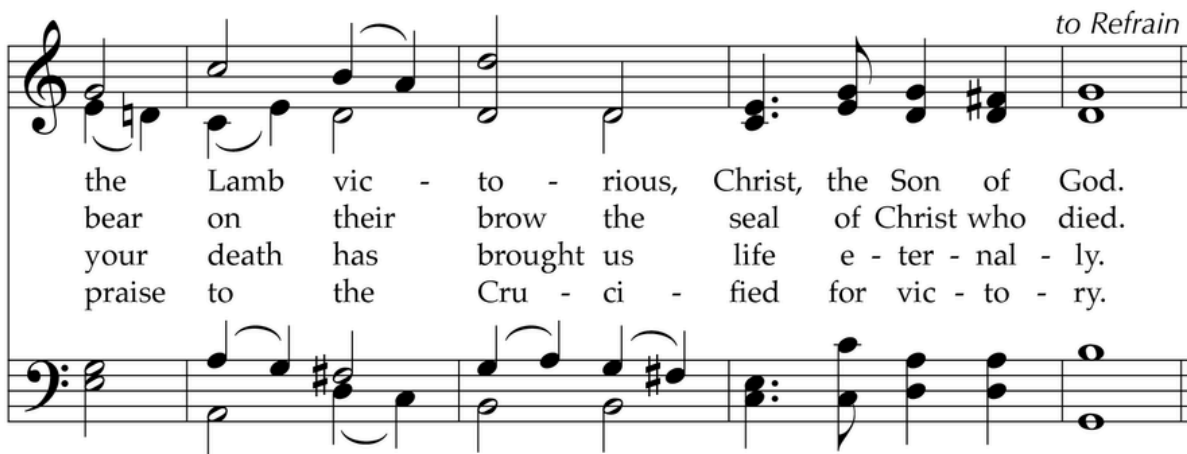
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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, in the light of your glory  
we see the evil we have done,  
the suffering we have caused,  
the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.

Heal us of our sin,  
wash us in mercy,  
and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way  
to tell the good news of the gospel.

## \* SILENT CONFESSION

## \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God  
is stronger than death

**and the love of God has no boundary.**

This is the good news – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Praise God for new beginnings!**

## \* RESPONSE

“Be Not Afraid” | *Traditional Taize*

*(Soloist sings first time, All sing second time)*



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is for a 4/4 time signature, key of B-flat major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half note. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, with a final half note.



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is identical to the first time, but it includes a double bar line at the end of the melody and accompaniment, indicating the end of the piece.

# 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 | PSALMS

Psalm 30 | OT p. 505

### SECOND LESSON | HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Acts 9: 1-20 | NT p. 127-128, Spark Bible p. 514

## SERMON

"On The Road" | Brian Shivers

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision" | SLANE

## OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

"Toccata" | Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

### \* 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!

## 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.

## INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ANTHEM

"John 3:16" | B.E. Boykin (b. 1989)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### 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.**

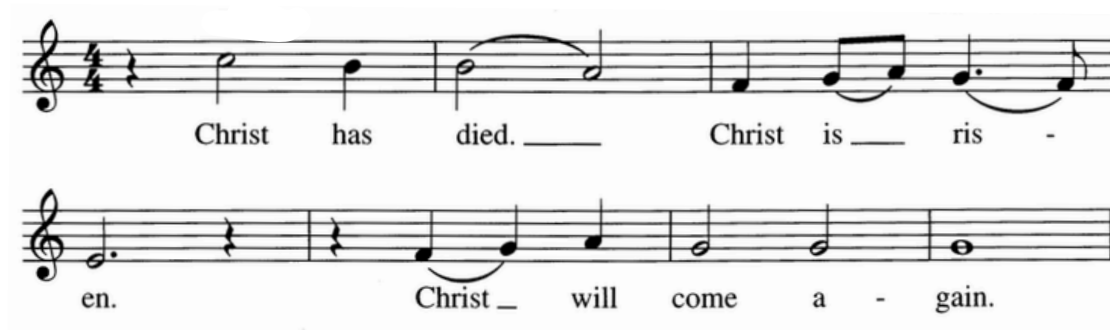
### SANCTUS

arr. Daniel Kallman

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

arr. Daniel Kallman

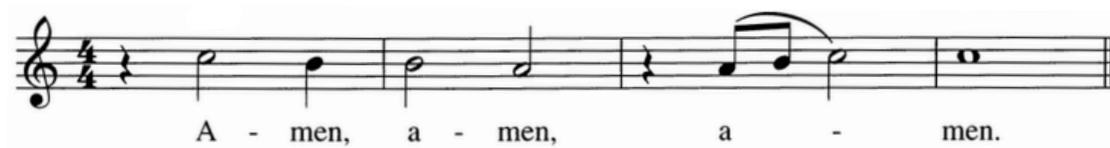


## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

arr. Daniel Kallman



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

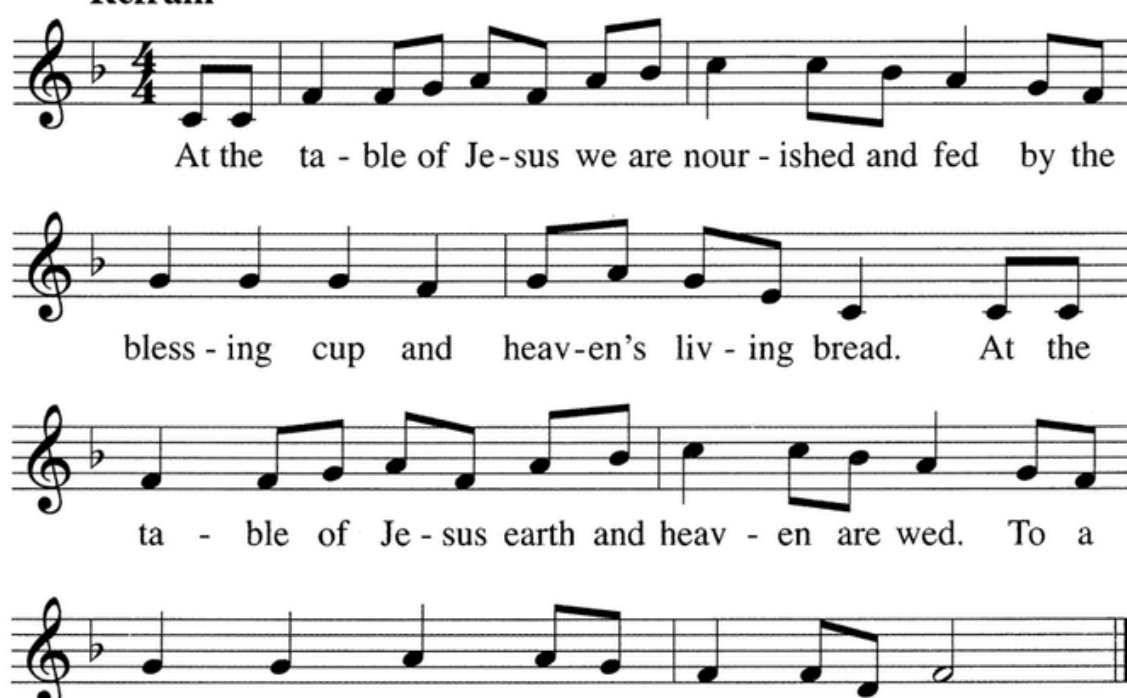
(All are welcome and all bread is gluten-free.)

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"At the Table of Jesus" | *SIMPLE GIFTS*, arr. Tony Alonso

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

**Refrain**



The musical notation is for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

At the ta - ble of Je - sus we are nour - ished and fed by the  
bless - ing cup and heav - en's liv - ing bread. At the  
ta - ble of Je - sus earth and heav - en are wed. To a  
hun - gry world, by our God we are led.

Where love and charity are found there God is among us;  
God's goodness abounds. -  
As Christ gathers many as one,  
let our hearts be glad and reflect God's love. **(Refrain)**

Now, as we gather all as one, division is ended,  
communion begun. Let fear, anger, hatred now end.  
Let us dwell in love as our God intends. **(Refrain)**

Joined with the angels and the saints, beholding God's glory  
and tasting God's grace, we'll sing praise in God's holy place,  
and with heaven's hosts we'll come face to face. **(Refrain)**



## PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Gracious God, with burning hearts we thank you  
for making Christ known to us in the breaking of bread  
and in the poured-out wine.  
May this meal enable us to increase in faith,  
persevere in hope,  
and grow up in love.  
Send us out from this place by your Spirit,  
our ears open to your Word,  
our minds alert to the calling you give us,  
our hearts full of zeal for your coming kingdom.  
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. 513

"This Is the Feast of Victory" | *FESTIVAL CANTICLE*

### \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, now go where God directs.

**We will extol our God in word and deed.**

Your caring may be the answer to someone's prayer.

**We will reach out to our neighbors with love.**

You may be God's chosen instrument of healing.

**We will listen with compassion to those who suffer.**

Blessed are those who believe without seeing.

**Where Christ leads, we will follow.**

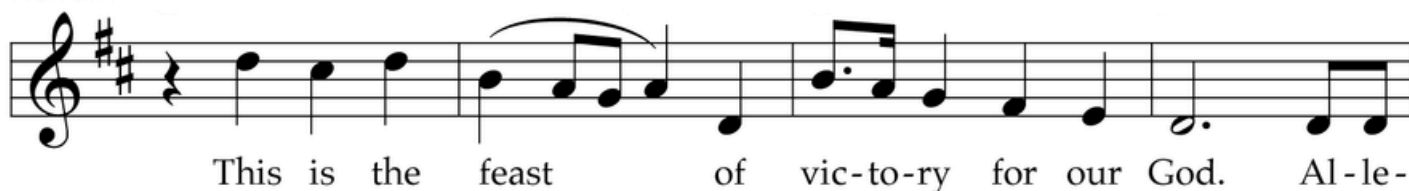
**Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

"Fanfare" | *Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens (1823-1881)*

# This Is the Feast of Victory 513

## Refrain



To stanzas

Last time



- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

to Refrain

This exuberant unrhymed paraphrase is especially well suited for use at celebrations of the Lord's Supper in Easter Season. The stanzas are derived from several passages in Revelation (5:9–10, 12–14; 7:10b, 12), while the refrain possibly refers to 1 Corinthians 15:54b–56.

## IN WORSHIP

The hymn following the sermon, “Be Thou My Vision,” is an Irish melody with ABCD form – all four lines are musically different. The tune, SLANE, is a hill near Tara, county Meath, Ireland, associated with St. Patrick’s struggle against the Druid priests. The text, dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century, is a prayer for the vision of God throughout life. We acknowledge God to be, “my light, my treasure, Ruler of all.”

The choral setting of “John 3:16,” sung by the Northminster Chamber Ensemble, was composed by Alexandria, Virginia native B.E. (Brittney Elizabeth) Boykin. As a composer, she has been commissioned by various organizations, including the Minnesota Opera and the Kennedy Center. She was the featured conductor/composer-in-residence for the 2017 Harry T. Burleigh Commemorative Spiritual Festival at Tennessee State University in 2017. Boykin holds a B.A. degree in Music from Spelman College, the M.M. in sacred music from Westminster Choir College, and a PhD from Georgia State University. She is currently Assistant Professor of Music at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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### TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*  
Marko Petričić | *Organ*  
Chamber Ensemble  
Jane Dinwiddie | *Liturgist*  
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*  
Kate Ronco | *Liturgist*  
Daniel Backfish-White | *Soloist*

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# Class of 2025

## Jane Dinwiddie

I have enjoyed my high school years but can't wait to attend Auburn University in the Fall. My goal is to double major in Sociology and Business and ultimately go to law school following college. Although I'm super sad to be leaving my high school friends, I cannot wait to see what the future holds.

## Kate Ronco

Kate is graduating from Carmel High School. She plans to attend the University of Oregon, majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Sports Business. During her time in high school she has enjoyed singing in show choir, running track, and playing soccer. She is grateful for all of the support she's felt being a part of the Northminster community.

Kate was awarded the Star Scholarship Award from P.E.O. This is an honor for outstanding young women (high school seniors) who have shown leadership, service, and exemplary character to their school and community. The award is \$2500. She was sponsored by Chapter Q P.E.O.

## Andrew de las Alas

Andrew will graduate from Washington University in St. Louis with a B.A. in International Affairs and minors in Sociology and Asian American Studies. Across four years, his academic interests have gravitated towards the intersections of race, identity, and power. Appropriately, he authored a thesis on the role of religious rhetoric upholding martial law in the Philippines, which earned the department thesis award. Additionally, he completed a self-guided project on St. Louis Filipino American identity as a Merle Kling Fellow. He was active on campus, serving on the executive board of several groups, and was elected to student government.

Andrew has also been blessed to hold several internships across legal, nonprofit, and government sectors. He is particularly grateful to serve as Chief of Staff of the Missouri Asian American Youth Foundation. In his role, he has launched leadership programs, testified to the state legislature, and organized voter outreach to 50,000 voters. In a few years, he hopes to attend law school to advocate for the rule of law and civil rights. Above all, Andrew is grateful for the overflowing support of his parents and brother. They have served as quiet, but ever-present sources of inspiration during a chaotic four years.

# Class of 2025

## **Gabe Keltner**

Gabe is graduating with a B.S. (Biology) from Purdue University in May. He'll return home to Indianapolis for a gap year to prepare for dental school. As part of that preparation, he'll complete an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course this summer and hopes to use that to gain experience in the medical field.

## **Isabel Ruegger**

Isabel Ruegger is graduating in December with a B.S. in Exercise Science from Indiana University Bloomington.

## **Leah Shannon**

Leah graduates from The University of Cincinnati on May 2nd from the DAAP program with a degree in Fine Arts with an educational certificate. The last four years have involved a variety of co-ops. Her first co-op (internship) was at LaGrande art center, in LaGrande Oregon where she got extra time with Julie's sister Laura and family. The second one was at the Carnegie in Cincinnati where she worked with school-aged children in after-school programming, and this past fall she student taught art classes in the Cincinnati Public school system in two different elementary/middle schools.

Her first year of college was entirely on Zoom. She has explored all kinds of art materials and has embraced all that Cincinnati has to offer. She has a wonderful friend and support system in Cincy. All who know and love Leah are so happy to celebrate her!

## **Cam Wareham**

Cam is graduating summa cum laude from Indiana University Bloomington with an English BA and a minor in educational studies. They plan to move to Atlanta, Georgia this summer to teach secondary English/Language Arts!

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Join us in The Gathering Place, following worship, for cake and fellowship  
as we celebrate our graduates!

# Events and Announcements

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## **Umoja Pickleball Tournament | May 10 | 8:00 am**

Join Umoja Partnership at Hoosier Village for a Pickleball Fundraiser to support Kenyan communities. All skill levels welcome! Registration is \$50 for individuals, \$75 for doubles teams, with 100% of the fees going to support Umoja's programs in Kenya.



## **Women's Wellness Symposium | May 10 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Expert clinicians lead classes in Guided Meditation, Value-Based Boundary Setting, Creating Sacred Spaces, Yoga, and more! Registration is \$20 per person, and lunch is provided. Childcare is available! Register using the QR code or online.



## **Spring Work Days | May 16 & 17 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Sign up to help with projects in and around the church to maintain and improve our space! All skill levels welcome, and childcare is available if needed. Questions? Contact Emma Moore, Blaine Dinwiddie, or Craig Hittle. Wear clothes you can get messy!



## **Matthew Black Concert | May 18 | 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Indie-folk singer-songwriter, Matthew Black, brings his incisive lyrics and singable melodies to Northminster on May 18th! Join us for this free concert that is open to all. Learn more about Matthew Black by scanning the QR code.



## **May Mission Collection: Children's Socks & Underwear**

Donations in the Yellow Bin will go to support the 2025 Back to School Bash hosted by our mission partner, Washington Township Schools Foundation! The community event will allow students to pick up free supplies as they prepare for the school year.

## **Summer Fun 2025 | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:00 pm**

Registration is now open for Summer Fun: Living Waters of the World! Register your child and join us each Wednesday in June to learn about the importance of clean water around the world. Volunteers are also needed!



## **Youth Group: Indianapolis Indians Game | June 24 | 6:30 pm**

Join us for an Indianapolis Indians Game! Northminster will cover the cost of tickets, just bring money for \$1 concessions night! Learn more and RSVP using the QR code or by visiting our website. Questions? Contact Emma Moore for details!



## **Religious Art and Faith | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays | 8:00 - 9:30 am**

Join the Men's Prayer Breakfast, led by Jerry Gray, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays through July 16th as they contemplate a painting of one of the Masters and how they express a biblical scene.

## **Yoga Workshops | 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month | 12:15 - 2:15 pm**

Two-hour intensives that focus on a different subject matter each month. All are welcome, and yoga teaching professionals can earn two CEUs. The upcoming session, May 9<sup>th</sup>, will cover "Food as Medicine (Ayurveda)."



*Additional events and information can be found on our website at [northminster.church/events](https://northminster.church/events)*

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**Teri Thomas**  
*Pastor Emerita*

**Tony Dzwonar**  
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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.

## 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](https://northminster.church/prayer)

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