



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter | May 11, 2025, 10:00 am

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### MINUTE FOR GENEROSITY

Matt Kroeger | Mission Team

#### PRELUDE

"Adore te devote" | *Ancient Chant, arr. Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)*

#### INTROIT

"It's Alright" | *African-American spiritual, arr. Bill Cummings*

*Refrain:* It's alright, it's alright.

My Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright.

It's alright, it's alright.

My Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright.

When it gets dark and I can't see my way,

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright.

Just know He's gonna send me a brighter day.

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright. (*Refrain*)

That day when death comes a creepin' in,

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright.

Just know you've fought a good fight to the end.

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright. (*Refrain*)

Sometimes your best friend put you down,

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright.

Just keep your eye on the heavenly crown.

Jesus said He'll fix it and it's alright. (*Refrain*)

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs,  
you have gathered a people from every tribe and language  
to praise your name eternally.

**Join our song with all of heaven**

**as we worship you this day**

**in the glorious light of Christ.**

**Amen.**



\* HYMN NO. 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" | HANOVER

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,  
we confess that we have strayed from your paths  
of right relationships and peace,  
and that we have dishonored  
you, ourselves, and your creation.

We repent of these hurtful ways.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
and lead us into the way of peace.

\* SILENT CONFESSION

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ,  
God's mercy overflows as a healing spring  
to cleanse us of our offenses.  
Therefore, know that we are forgiven.

**We are freed to live boldly and courageously through Christ!**

\* 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 first musical system consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff features a soloist melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The second musical system is identical to the first, providing a second time for all to sing. It includes the same treble and bass staves with the lyrics written below.

# 299 You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 "Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!"  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad Christ's won - der - ful name.  
 he still re - mains nigh; his pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

The name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious, who rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fi - nite love!

This hymn resembles many 18th-century drawings that show parallels between worship on earth and worship in heaven, especially as described in Revelation 7:9–11. This 18th-century tune has had many names; the one used here honors the dynasty of British monarchs, 1714–1901.

## \* 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 | PSALMS

Psalm 23 | *Ancient Plainsong*



I will dwell in the house of the LORD, for ev - er, hal - le - lu - jah.

#### SECOND LESSON | APOCALYPSE

Revelation 7: 9-17 | *NT p. 249-250*

#### SERMON

"Apocalypse Now" | *Brian Shivers*

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \* HYMN

"The God Some May Imagine" | *REIMAGINING GOD*



1. The
2. The
3. The
4. The
5. The



God some may im - ag - ine sits high up - on a throne to  
 God some may im - ag - ine holds thun - der - bolts in hand to  
 God some may im - ag - ine is cold to cries of grief, im -  
 God some may im - ag - ine is Fa - ther, King, and Lord— a  
 Christ some may im - ag - ine, a man from Gal - i - lee, was



rule the realms of heav - en, so dis - tant and un - known. But  
 smite the wretch - ed sin - ner and scourge the wick - ed land. But  
 per - vi - ous to pray - ing, and judg - ing right be - lief. But  
 stern and beard - ed war - rior, with scep - ter, crown, and sword. But  
 bound by brief ex - ist - ence and died at thir - ty - three. But



heav - en comes a - mong us, and God, the great I AM, is  
 heav - en comes a - mong us, and sin - ners take their place with  
 heav - en comes a - mong us, and Je - sus shares our tears; he  
 heav - en comes a - mong us, and, like a moth - er hen, God  
 heav - en moves a - mong us, and Christ still lives on earth wher -



throned in hum - ble glo - ry in Je - sus Christ, the  
 Je - sus at the ta - ble, in - vit - ed by God's  
 prays with us in sor - row, and holds us through our  
 calls her way - ward chil - dren to Je - sus' breast a -  
 ev - er we, like Mar - y, will bring God's love to



Lamb.  
 grace.  
 fears.  
 gain.

birth.

## 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

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

### OFFERTORY

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" | *RESIGNATION*, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

### \* 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!

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### \* HYMN NO. 369

"Blessing and Honor" | *O QUANTA QUALIA*

## Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,  
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:  
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.  
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.

## \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, may Christ the Good Shepherd  
bless and guide you this day and always.

**Let us go forth to follow  
paths of right relationships and paths of peace;**  
and may God's goodness and mercy  
follow you as you serve the risen Lord.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

"Sonata for Oboe (4<sup>th</sup> Movement)" | *Jean Baptiste Loeillet (1680-1730)*

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## IN WORSHIP

Today's Psalm, Psalm 23, is one of the most beloved Psalms in the Christian world. The Psalm begins with a picture of the Lord's care for an individual, using shepherd and sheep imagery. The mood is peaceful and calm, portraying "green pastures" and "still waters." The tranquil mood is disturbed in verse 4 as the Psalmist states, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." The "rod" refers to the short wooden club that the shepherd would use for protection against animal or human enemies. The "staff" was longer and could be used to help sheep struggling up a difficult path or through whatever darkness and wilderness they must pass. The last section of the psalm shifts to a picture of the Lord as host, carefully preparing a marvelous meal. Though there are enemies in the vicinity, the guest enjoys the host's hospitality and protection. The Psalms often speak of enemies in pursuit of the psalmist, but this psalm closes with "goodness and mercy" chasing after the psalmist for a lifetime ("...shall follow me all the days of my life.")

Today's Offertory, "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," is Mack Wilberg's arrangement of an American folk tune set to Isaac Watt's (1674-1748) paraphrase of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. The setting is rather pastoral, which lends to the mood of the Psalm text. The choral, flute, and oboe textures thicken in the middle of the piece before tapering toward the end. In addition to his composing and arranging pursuits, Mack Wilberg (born 1955) serves as music director of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah, a position he has held since 2008.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Laura Recendez | *Flute*

Leonid Sirotkin | *Oboe*

Chancel Choir

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Jonathan Shinn | *Cantor*

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# Events and Announcements

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## **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 as part of his "Everything Is Terrible and No One Is Okay" album tour. Join us for this free concert that is open to all!



## **Keep Indy Home Public Action Event | May 29 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Join Live Free Indiana at Light of the World Christian Church on Michigan Road for the Keep Indy Home public action event and fight for a community where everyone is safe, thriving, and whole. Register using the QR code or in The Gathering Place!



## **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!



## **Youth Group: Lake Day | July 9 | 8:00 am - 5:30 pm**

Youth are invited to join us to spend the day in and around Grandview Lake, hosted by the Ronco Family! Learn more about what to bring and RSVP by using the QR code or visiting our events page. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Moore.



## **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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## 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](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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