



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 18, 2025, 10:00 am*

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

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

*"Fugue in C Major," BWV 564 | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise the Lord in the heights.**

Praise the name of the Lord,  
and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

**for people near and people far,  
for people present and people to come,  
for the young and for those wise with age.**

Come, let us praise the Lord;

**come, let us worship God.**

#### \* HYMN NO. 301

*"Let Us Build a House" | TWO OAKS*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,  
you encourage us to love one another across all differences,  
yet we often respond with fear and judgment  
that hinders your goal for humanity.

Forgive our sins, we pray,  
and give us a true repentance  
that leads to life for all creation.

#### \* SILENT CONFESSION



## Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

## \* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe this good news -  
Jesus loves us, forgives us, and sets us free.

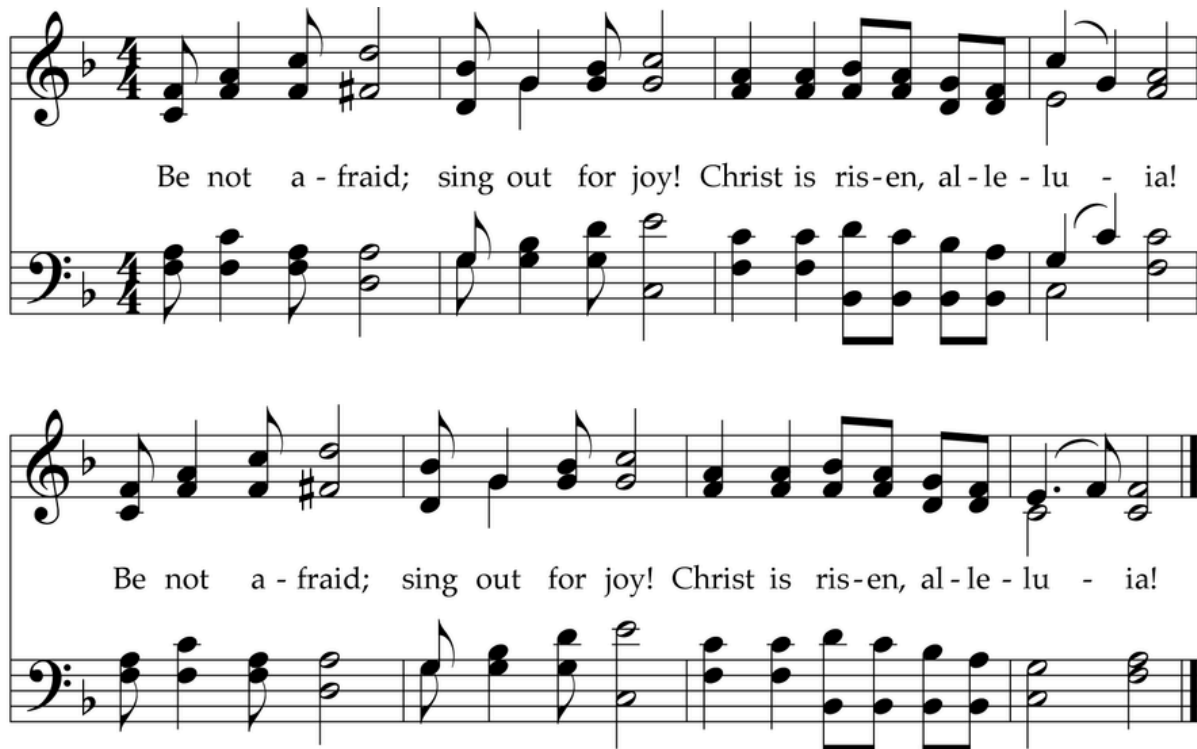
**Praise God!**

**We know we are forgiven and can be at peace.**

## \* 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!

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

## \* 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

Psalms 148 | *ORIENTIS PARTIBUS*, arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



### SECOND LESSON | HISTORY

Acts 11: 1-18 | NT p. 130, Spark Bible p. 526

### SERMON

"The Reformed Church, Always Reforming" | Karen Herbst-Kim

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SOLO

"Draw the Circle Wider" | Matt Black

*(Please sing refrain on cue from leader)*

Refrain:

Draw the circle wider  
O God make us wiser  
O God make us kinder

### COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

### ANTHEM

"Verleih uns Frieden" | Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,	Grant us peace graciously,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten;	Lord God, in our time;
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,	There is indeed no other,
Der für uns könnte streiten,	would could fight for us,
Denn du, unser Gott, alleine.	than you, our God, alone.

### 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

"For The Beauty of the Earth" | *arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. *(Refrain)*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight. *(Refrain)*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. *(Refrain)*

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. *(Refrain)*

## \* 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. 317

"In Christ There Is No East or West" | *MC KEE*

## \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God of peace give you grace to grow  
in faith, hope, love, and justice.

Let us go forth in joy to love and serve God in all we do.  
Alleluia! Amen.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" | *Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

*(Numbers 6: 24-26)*

# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

## IN WORSHIP

American composer and arranger Marty Haugen (born 1950) wrote our opening hymn, No. 301, "Let us Build a House," for a church dedication in Minnesota. The five stanzas use the imagery of construction, but the real emphasis is not on a physical structure but a spiritual one. The essential frame of reference is those who inhabit this place, affirming the vital distinction that the church is not the building but the people. Of the hymn, Haugen has stated he wanted to write a text, "that reflects the welcome to table fellowship that Jesus offered unconditionally to everyone." The tune name, TWIN OAKS, refers to two large oaks that frame Haugen's uncle and aunt's house in Michigan, where he wrote the hymn. Marty Haugen was raised in the American Lutheran Church, received a BA in psychology from Luther College, yet has worked for the Roman Catholic Church for most of his life. He is currently composer in residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Over 400 of Haugen's compositions are published, including 13 hymns in *Glory to God*.

The song following the sermon, "Draw the Circle Wider," was composed by Matthew Black specifically for today's service for the Lord's Day. Matthew is a singer-songwriter and worship leader with deep roots in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The literal son of a preacher man, he left his job as a mild-mannered IT manager in 2022 to make music full-time. His sophomore album was released in May 2024 and is available wherever you listen to music and at [matthewblackmusic.com](http://matthewblackmusic.com). Matthew is giving a free concert here at Northminster today at 5:00 p.m.

The anthem, "Verleih uns Frieden," composed by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847), calls us into a time of prayer this morning. Mendelssohn, a German Romantic composer, may be primarily known as a composer of organ works, symphonies and the oratorios *Elijah* and *St. Paul*, but he wrote a number of smaller sacred choral works as well. Set to a text by Martin Luther, the text and melody are presented three times: first sung by basses and tenors, then by altos and sopranos as basses and tenors sing counterpoint, and finally with four-part chorus. Composed in 1831 after a visit to the Vatican, the piece is a calm and confident plea for peace.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Matthew Black | *Soloist*

Tony Dzwonar & Rod Mail | *Stephen Ministry Leaders*

Chancel Choir

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# Stephen Ministers Commissioned Today

Today is a joyous occasion, as seven lay people from our congregation are being commissioned into a special ministry of care and concern for others as Stephen Ministers. This culminates a period of extensive training and preparation for caring ministry.

After the commissioning, these Stephen Ministers will be assigned to provide care to those in our congregation and community going through difficulties in life. We thank God for their gifts and ask that you keep these people in your prayers as they carry the love of Christ to those who need it.

Stephen Ministers being commissioned today are:

Heather Banks	Allison Wells Gritton	Anne Kenley	Jeff Lewis
Carol Mann	Joanna Morse	John Purcell	



# Events and Announcements

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## **Matthew Black Concert | Tonight | 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.



## **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!



## **Outdoor Worship | June 1 | 10:00 am**

Join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, on Ralston Commons! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and hats to stay cool and comfortable. Please note that Ralston Avenue will not be closed to traffic, but parking will be limited.

## **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!



## **Theology on Tap | June 5 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

Join Pastors Brian and Karen at Binkley's, at the corner of Kessler and College, for an evening of deep theological discussions and a cold beverage in hand (of any type) Use the QR code to let us know if you plan to attend!



## **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 concession 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.

## **Northminster Labyrinth**

The labyrinth is currently open in the Chapel and will be available all summer! There is information on the history of labyrinths available at the entrance. All ages are welcome. There is no right or wrong way, just put one foot in front of the other!

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

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**John Wright**  
*Director of Music Ministries*

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**Marko Petričić**  
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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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