



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 25, 2025, 10:00 am

(*For those who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the peoples praise you.

Let us worship the Triune God.

* HYMN NO. 403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" | *UNSER HERRSCHER*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

* SILENT CONFESSION



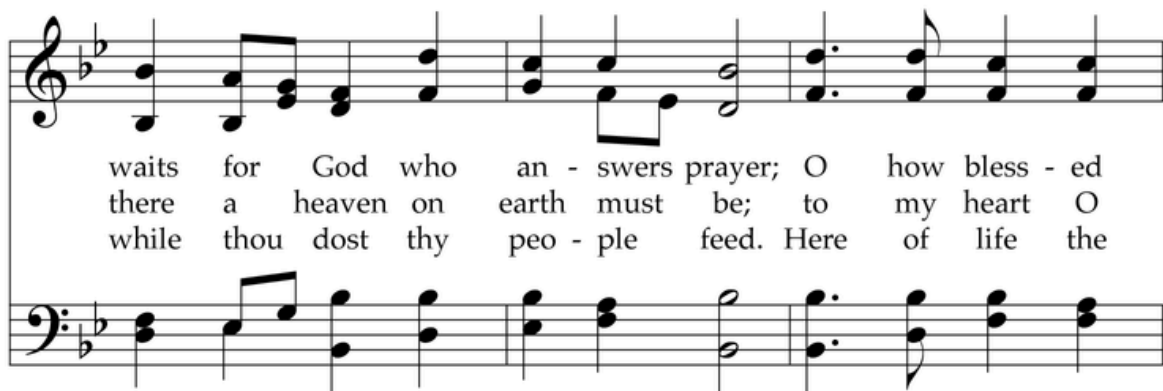
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, Jesus invites us to sense the changes that love is accomplishing within us and among us.

The Holy Spirit has come to teach us all that we need in order to be faithful.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Praise God, who has blessed us,
freed us,
and forgiven us.**

* 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 the first time of the song. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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

The musical notation is for the second time of the song, identical to the first. It consists of two staves, treble and bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

* 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

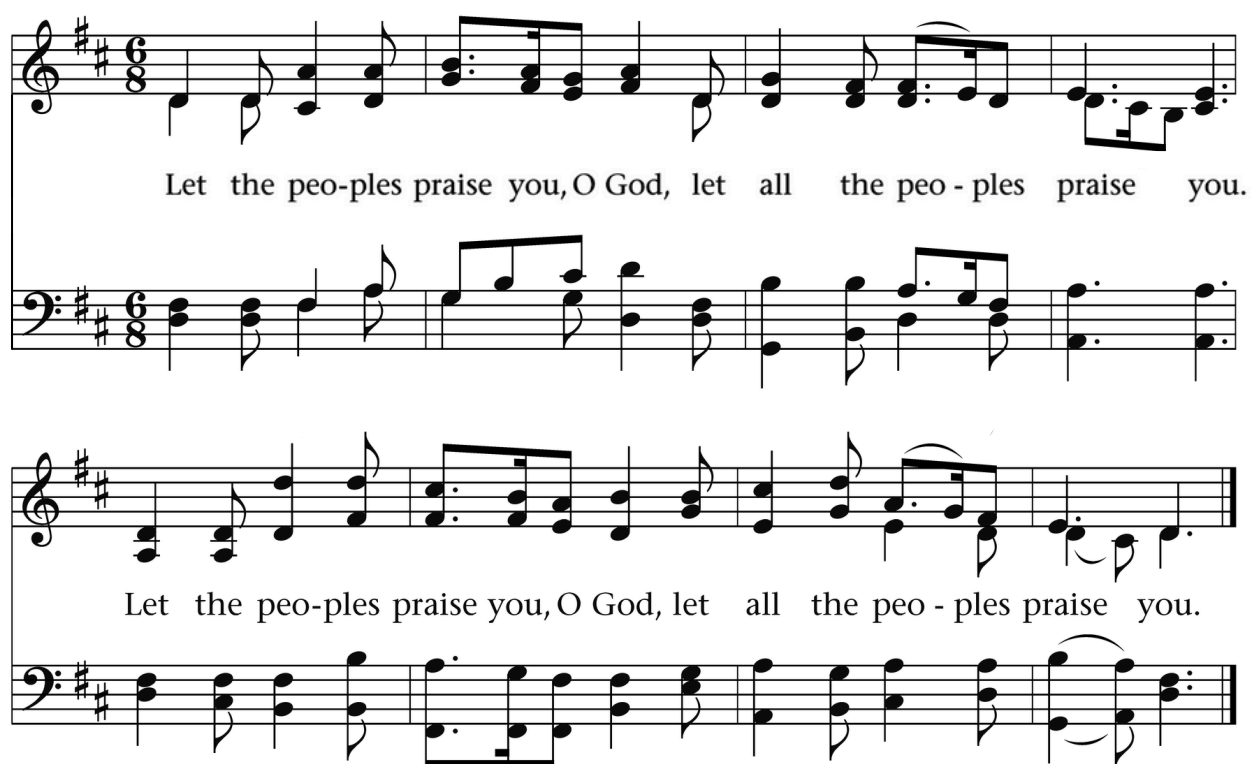
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | APOCALYPTIC

Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5 | NT p. 259-260

SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 67



Let the peo-ples praise you, O God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

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THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 5: 1-9 | NT p. 96

SERMON

"Misery Responds" | Robert Heimach

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 314

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" | *CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT*

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

"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" | *African-American spiritual,*
arr. Edward Boatner (1898-1981)

* 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. 295

"Go to the World!" | *SINE NOMINE*

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the Lord be gracious and bless you
that you may live a life of praise forever in God's light.

May we live in love, abide in peace,
and serve the Lord,
for God is ever present.

POSTLUDE

"Eleven Chorale Preludes, Op. 122: No. 4 My Heart Abounds with Pleasure"
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

Go to the World!

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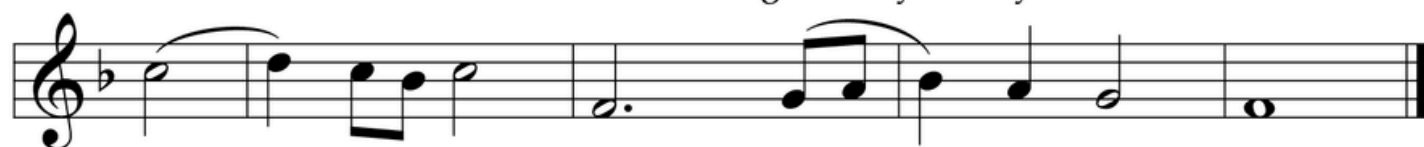
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

IN WORSHIP

Psalm 67 is a communal prayer for God's blessing and may have served as a prayer at the close of worship. The psalmist asks God to, "be merciful to us and bless us," and asks all peoples and nations to praise God. Verse 6 suggests a good harvest is a peaceful blessing from God ("The earth has brought forth its increase; God has blessed us.")

Today's final hymn, 295 "Go to the World," was written by Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993) while she served as a prison chaplain. The text is based on the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20), in which God's people are compelled to do two things: first, to go into the world to preach and baptize (stanza 1), and second, to serve as Christ's representatives and servants in the world (stanzas 2-3). The final stanza reveals a change of voice – now we hear the direct words of Christ when he promises to be with his church until the end of time.

Filling our pulpit today is the Rev. Robert Heimach. Rev. Heimach served as Senior Pastor of Irvington Presbyterian Church for 18 years, retiring in April 2021. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. His wife, Jenni, is a member of Northminster.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organist*

Robert Heimach | *Honorably Retired Pastor*

Krista Wright | *Cantor & Soloist*

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Events and Announcements

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 1st | 10:00 am

Join us for outdoor worship on Sunday, June 1st, 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 Starting June 4th | 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 5th | 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 concessions night! Learn more and RSVP using the QR code or by visiting our website. Questions? Contact Emma Moore for details!



June Mission Collection: Napkins, Sponges, Scrub Pads

Donate large packages of napkins, kitchen sponges, and Brillo pads to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place throughout June! Scan the QR code or visit the events page to see an additional Amazon list of items needed for apartment restocking.



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 | 1st and 3rd 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 | 2nd 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, June 13th, will cover "Dharma."



Additional events and information can be found on our website at 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

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