



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany | January 28, 2024, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers and Rod Mail

PRELUDE

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

I will extol the Lord with all my heart.

I will do it in the midst of the people.

**Great are your works Lord,
they cause wonderment in all who ponder them.**

Glorious and majestic are God's deeds.

God provides food.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

All who follow God's precepts have a good understanding.

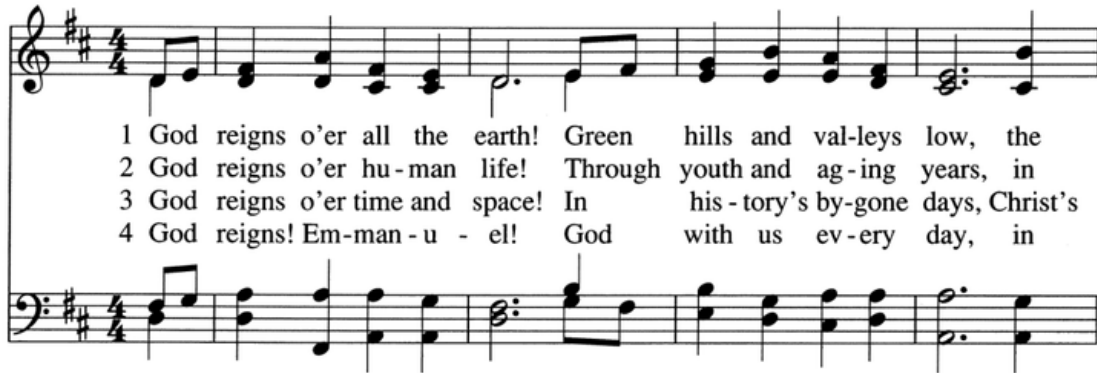
Let us praise the Lord!

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

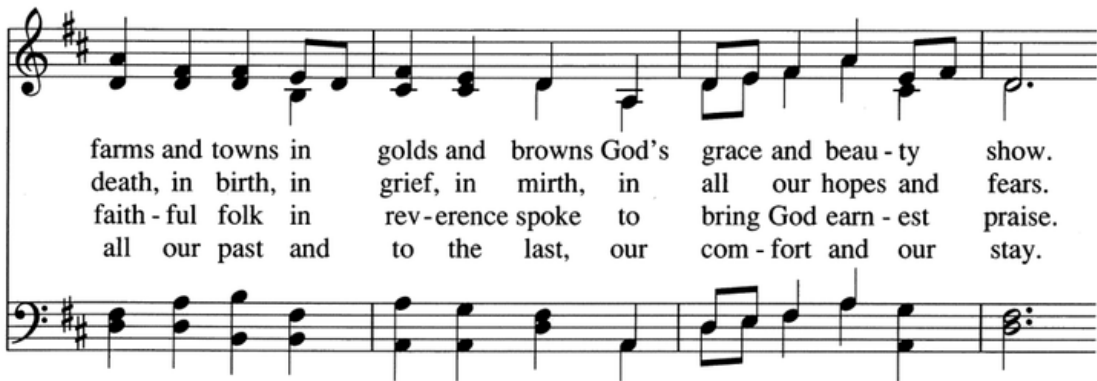


*HYMN

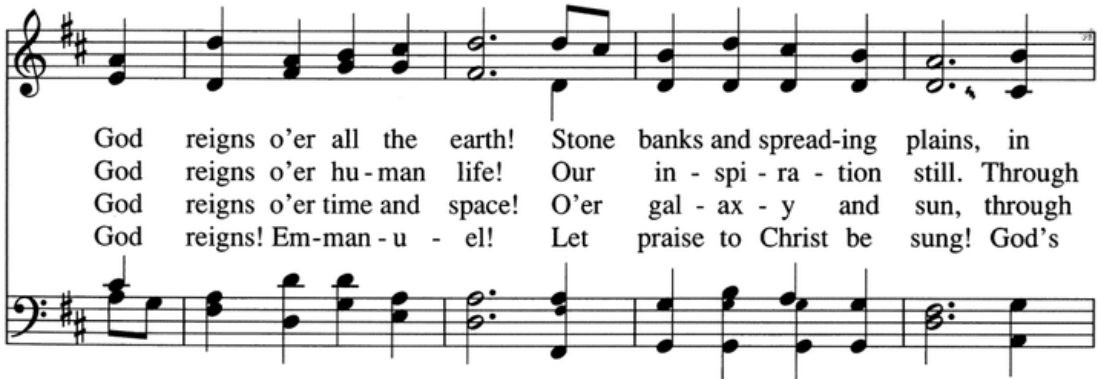
“God Reigns o’er All the Earth” | *TERRA BEATA*



1 God reigns o’er all the earth! Green hills and val-leys low, the
2 God reigns o’er hu-man life! Through youth and ag-ing years, in
3 God reigns o’er time and space! In his-tory’s by-gone days, Christ’s
4 God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us ev-ery day, in



farms and towns in golds and browns God’s grace and beau-ty show.
death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
faith-ful folk in rev-erence spoke to bring God earn-est praise.
all our past and to the last, our com-fort and our stay.



God reigns o’er all the earth! Stone banks and spread-ing plains, in
God reigns o’er hu-man life! Our in-spi-ra-tion still. Through
God reigns o’er time and space! O’er gal-ax-y and sun, through
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung! God’s



rain-bow hues— reds, yel-lows, blues— of streams and coun-try lanes.
all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God’s reign-ing will.
time-less years the cos-mos hears the heaven-ly mu-sic run.
pres-ence here makes all things dear. Let joy-ful bells be rung!

*For those who are able, please stand.



***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Karen Herbst-Kim

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy and love,
you have made us to belong to you alone.
You call us to serve you with all our strength.
We confess our waywardness from your gracious path.
Forgive us, O God.

You shower your grace into our lives,
but we fail to deal graciously with others.
We nurse grudges, judge harshly, and act with pettiness.
We have failed to love others with Christ's love.
Forgive us, O God.

We let our fear and insecurities rule us
instead of trusting you, loving God.
Forgive our self-centeredness, our short-sightedness,
and our small-heartedness.
Forgive us, O God.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ,
the mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting.
Believe this good news – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and freed to try again!

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



*RESPONSE

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD*

The musical score is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning, new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

*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

"Living Word of God Eternal" | *KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS*; Chancel Choir

Living Word of God eternal, laying claim to every age.
Jesus, speak through all our speaking, bring to life the Bible's page.
Let your gospel, heed and heeded, set our course of pilgrimage.

FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 (p. 171)

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



SECOND LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 111 | *Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Doug Shafer-Johnson, Cantor*



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

THIRD LESSON | EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10: 23-33 (p. 172-173)

SERMON

“The First Ethic of Community” | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN NO. 316

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” | *TWENTY-FOURTH*

CALL TO PRAYER

“Ubi Caritas” | *Ancient plainsong; Chancel Choir Tenors*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Temeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur:
Ne nos mente dividamur caveamus.
Cessent iurgia maligna, cessent lites.
Et in medio nostri sit Christus Deus.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Simul quoque cum beatis videamus,
Glorianter vultum tuum, Christe Deus.
Gaudium quod est immensum atque probum
Saecula per infinita saeculorum.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.*

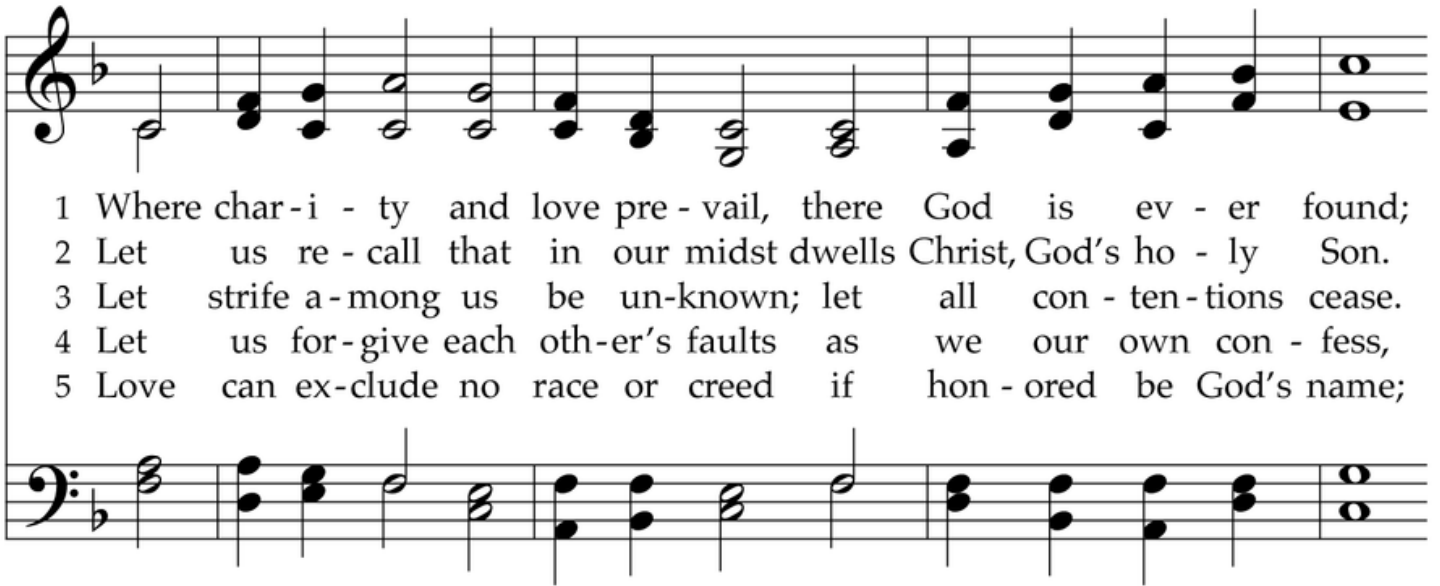
*Where charity and love are, God is there
Therefore, whenever we are gathered as one:
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Together also with the saints,
Glorious, thy countenance, O Christ our God:
The joy that is immense and good,
Unto the world without end.
Where charity and love are, God is there.*

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



Where Charity and Love Prevail 316



1 Where char-i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son.
3 Let strife a - mong us be un-known; let all con - ten-tions cease.
4 Let us for-give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,
5 Love can ex-clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
As mem-bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris-tian gen - tle - ness.
our com - mon life em - brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

This English paraphrase is based on a longer Latin hymn traditionally associated with the footwashing ritual on Maundy Thursday, an enactment of Christ's "new commandment" that we should love one another (John 13:34). For a chant setting of the first line of the hymn see no. 205.

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

"Be Thou My Vision" | 8th-Century Irish, arr. John Rutter (b. 1945); Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me,
Save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me,
And I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor,
Be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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*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. 761

“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” | *BEECHER*

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, now go in peace with the knowledge that God’s power
is given to the church, the body of Christ,
for the sake of the life of the world.

Alleluia!

Go out from this place to a world fully known by God.

Where there is fear,

remember the tender mercy of Christ Jesus.

Where there is need of love,

let us give it.

Where there is pain,

let us bring peace.

For you are loved by the One who claims us

and freed to live by the Word of life.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Suite Gothique, I. Introduction - Choral” | *Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*

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



Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The text of today's opening hymn, "God Reigns o'er All the Earth," was written by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008). Each stanza touches on a different awareness of God's reign among us, from nature to human life, to the wider universe, and finally to the revelation of Jesus Christ. It is set to the English melody TERRA BEATA, which many of our worshippers may know as "This Is My Father's World." Jane Parker Huber was born to missionary parents in China and descended from a long line of Presbyterian leaders. She was recognized as a "Valiant Woman" by Church Women United and in 2002 received the PC(USA)'s "Woman of Faith Award." Throughout her career, she wrote fresh words to familiar hymn tunes, which allowed worshippers to sing hymns with gender-inclusive language and gave freedom to rethink all of the images used for God's people. She received her bachelor's degree and an honorary doctorate from Hanover College. In 1992, she and her husband, Bill, received Hanover's "Alumni Achievement Award."

Today's Offertory, "Be Thou My Vision," is an SATB/piano setting of an 8th-century Irish poem by the English composer, conductor, and editor John Rutter (born 1945). Rutter studied at Clare College, Cambridge, where he returned as director of music for four years. In 1981 he formed The Cambridge Singers, a professional, mixed-voice choral group, for the express purpose of making recordings, particularly Rutter's own works. Today Rutter divides his time between conducting ensembles around the world and composing. "Be Thou My Vision" is a prayer for the vision of God throughout life. God is acknowledged to be "my light, my treasure, ruler of all."

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Events and Announcements

Northminster Youth Group | Today | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

We'll have pizza, have some discussions and activities, and play some games! 6th - 12th graders are welcome to come build new friendships and community. Join our NPC Youth Group BAND for updates, and contact Emma Longo with any questions!



Annual Meeting | Feb. 4 | 11:15 am

The 2024 Annual Meeting is next Sunday! We will meet following worship to discuss the annual report and the health of the church in 2023. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Westminster Dish Soap Collection | Feb. 4

The Mission Team is collecting dish soap for the Westminster Neighborhood Services food pantry on February 4th! Bring bottles of any-sized dish soap to the yellow donation bin in the Gathering Place.

Ashes To Go | Feb. 14 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm & 4:00 - 5:15 pm

Stop by the south parking lot on Wednesday, February 14th for the opportunity to receive ashes without having to leave your car. Times are available from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and again from 4:00-5:15 pm. All are welcome!

Lenten Soup Supper | Feb. 14 | 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Save the date for the Lenten Soup Supper on February 14th! We'll have homemade crockpot soups as well as rolls/crackers/cornbread for Wednesday night dinner. No additional signup, fee, or offering is required!

Ash Wednesday Service | Feb. 14 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Experience Northminster's Ash Wednesday worship service with prayers, scripture readings, imposition of ashes, and communion as we commence the Lenten season. Live streaming will be available!

Sound & Spirit: Rob Dixon Trio | Feb. 18 | 4:00 pm

Jazz saxophonist and artistic director of the Indy Jazz Fest, Rob Dixon, and his band play their unique brand of arrangements and new compositions. Check out upcoming performances or support Sound & Spirit using the QR code!



NPC Housing Advocated (Court Watchers) Meeting | Mar. 17 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Members acting as court watchers will meet and report on their visits to the courts. If you're interested in learning more about the court watchers program and Northminster, please contact Susan Holewinski.

New Community Yoga Page

Northminster has a new dedicated Yoga page on the website! Check it out by selecting "Yoga" under the Wellness section of the menu or by scanning the QR code. Information on all classes as well as ways to register can be found there!



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.


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