



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost | October 25, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Prelude in A Minor" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

"Cantate Domino" | Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Praise him in the sanctuary of holiness.

Let Israel rejoice in that which he has made,

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God Speaks to us:

You shall be holy, for I am holy.

Love God and love your neighbor as yourself.

Let us worship the Triune God.

* HYMN NO. 619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" | LAUDA ANIMA

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love,
your commandments are so simple:

love God, love neighbor, love self.

Yet we cannot always muster that love.

Love for you seems too abstract and distant.

Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.

Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.

But you are truly the God of love;

if there is anyone who can help us love,

it is you.

Shower us with your love

so that we might have the greatest example,

and help us learn from you.



Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **WORD OF GRACE**

Friends, it is true: we are beloved of God.

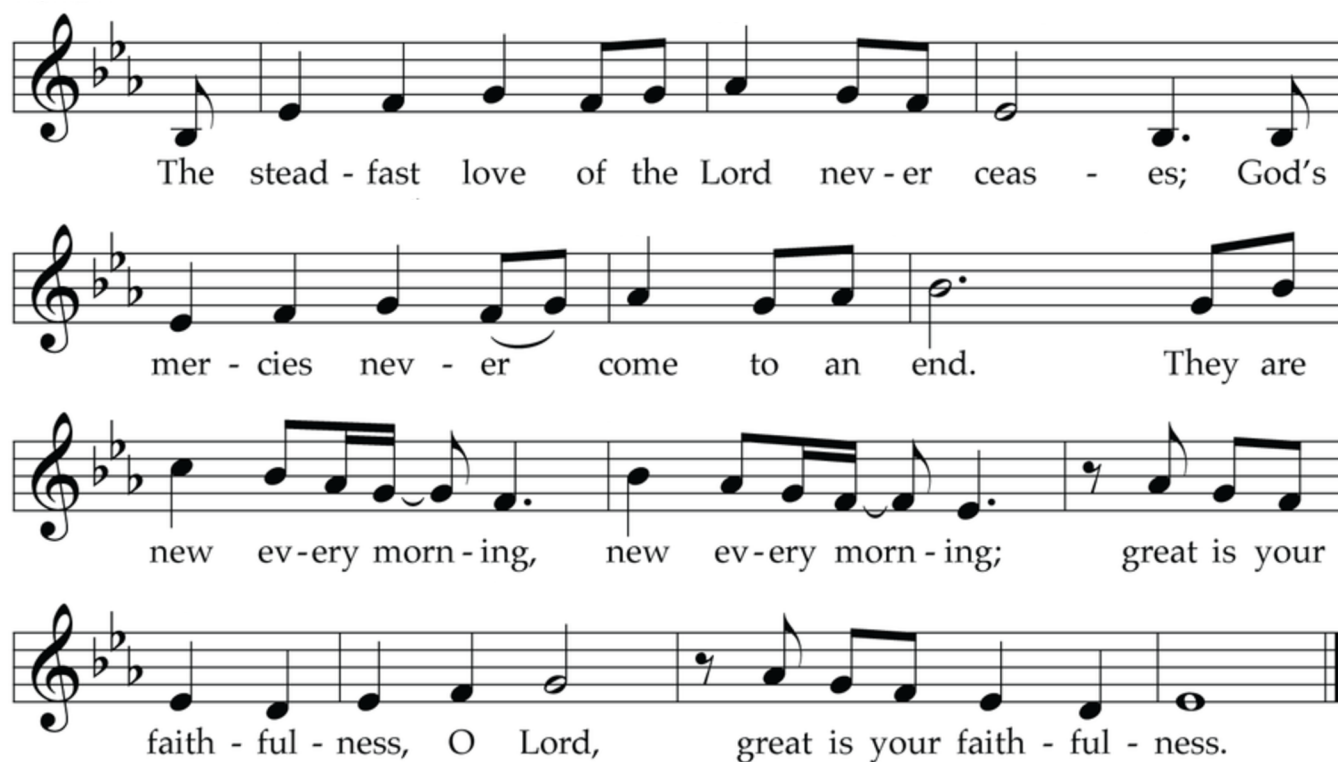
The God who loves us does not condemn us.

We are forgiven and freed!

We will live in the glory of God's love.

* **RESPONSE**

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" | *Edith McNeil*



The steadfast love of the Lord nev-er ceas-es; God's
mer-cies nev-er come to an end. They are
new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing; great is your
faith-ful-ness, O Lord, great is your faith-ful-ness.

* **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

ANTHEM

"I Can Do All Things" | *Mark Burrows*

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun.
I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
I can jump, I can play, I can cheer, I can pray.
I can dance, I can sing, I can do most anything.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Church School

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | TORAH

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 | OT p. 106

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 1:1-4, 6



Hap-py are they who de-light, who de - light in the law of God.

THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46 | NT p. 25, *Spark Bible* p. 308

SERMON

"Listen to This" | *Brian Shivers*



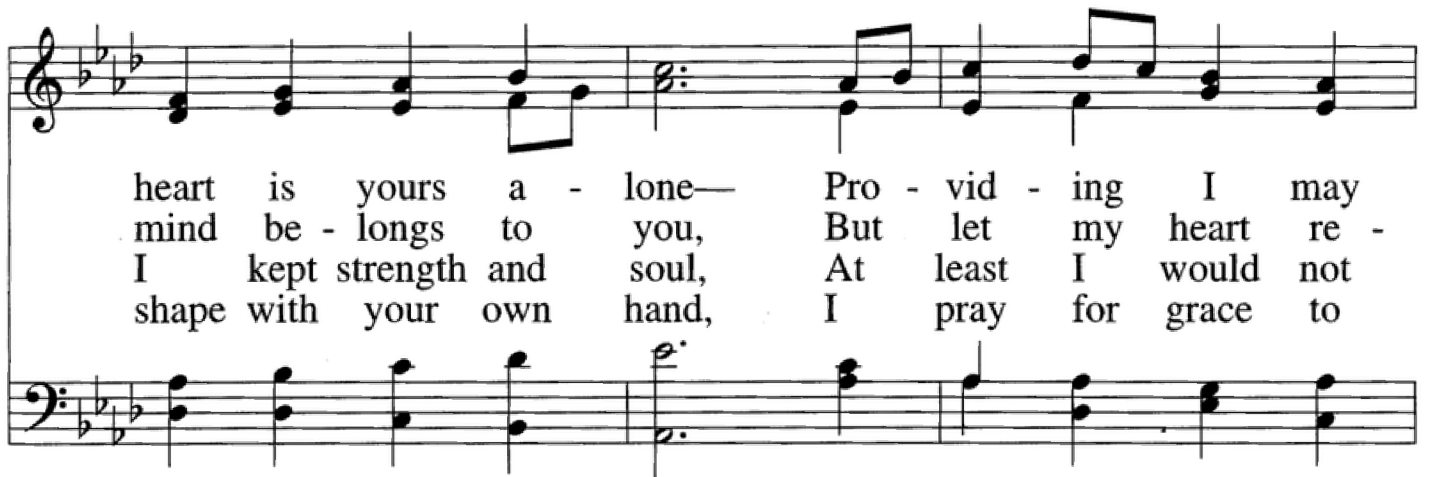
WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"If All You want, Lord, Is My Heart" | MORNING SONG



1. If all you want, Lord, is my heart, My
2. If all you want, Lord, is my mind, My
3. If heart and mind would both suf - fice, While
4. But since, O God, you want them all To



heart is yours a - lone— Pro - vid - ing I may
mind be - longs to you, But let my heart re -
I kept strength and soul, At least I would not
shape with your own hand, I pray for grace to



set a - part My mind to be my own.
main in - clined To do what it would do.
sac - ri - fice Com - plete - ly my con - trol.
heed your call To live your first com - mand.

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 ANTHEM

"Jubilate Deo" | *László Halmos (1909-1997)*

Jubilate Deo, universa terra:	<i>Make a joyful noise to God, all nations:</i>
Psalmum dicite nomini ejus,	<i>Sing the honor of his name,</i>
Venite, et audite, et narrabovobis,	<i>Come and hear God's works,</i>
omnes qui timetis Deum,	<i>all who fear him,</i>
Quanta fecit Dominus animae meae.	<i>And I will tell you what he has done for my soul.</i>
Alleluia.	<i>Alleluia.</i>

* 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!

* PROCESSION OF GENEROSITY AND GRACE

Hymn No. 36: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (Next Page) | *AR HYD Y NOS*

*As the hymn (next page) is sung, all are invited to come forward using the center aisle
in response to God's gracious generosity*

If you are making a 2027 pledge, please place your pledge card in the Joyful Noise Pail

*If you are unable to come forward for the procession,
you may place your pledge card in the Joyful Noise Pail following worship*

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

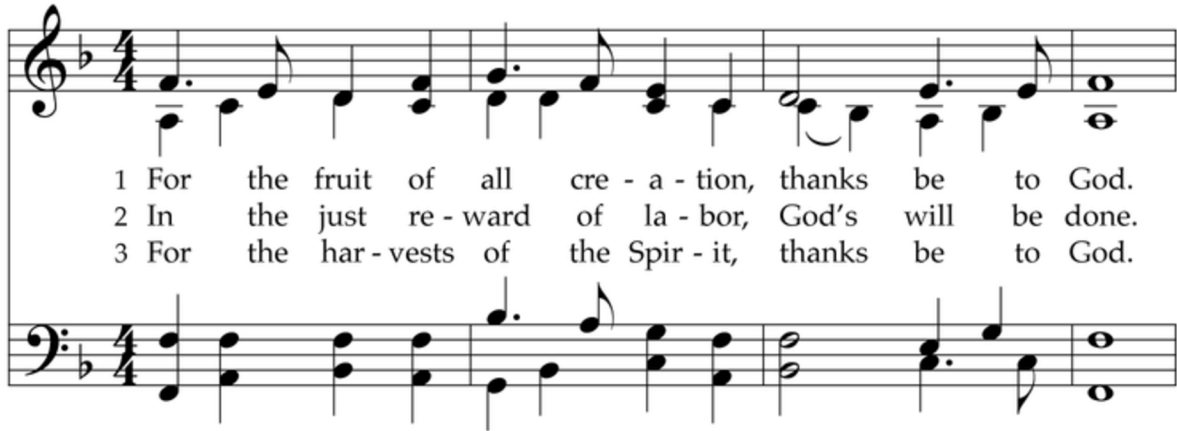
* HYMN NO. 44

"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" | *AUSTIN*



For the Fruit of All Creation

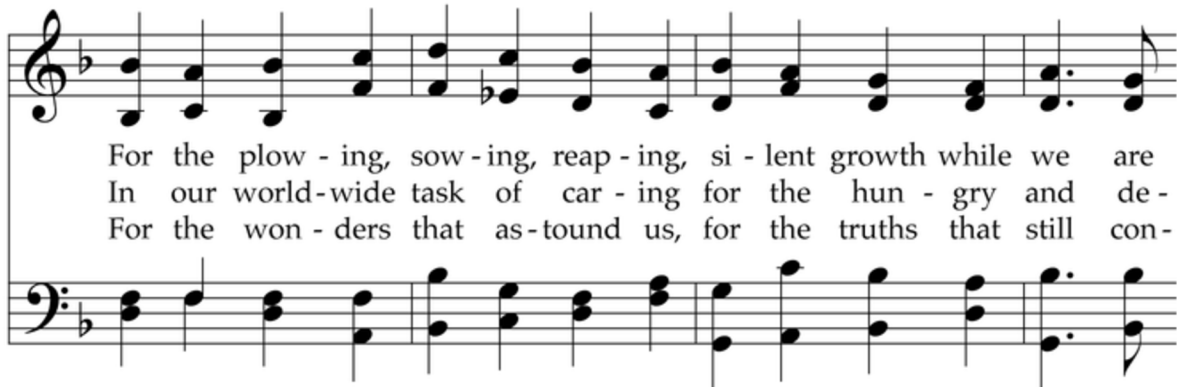
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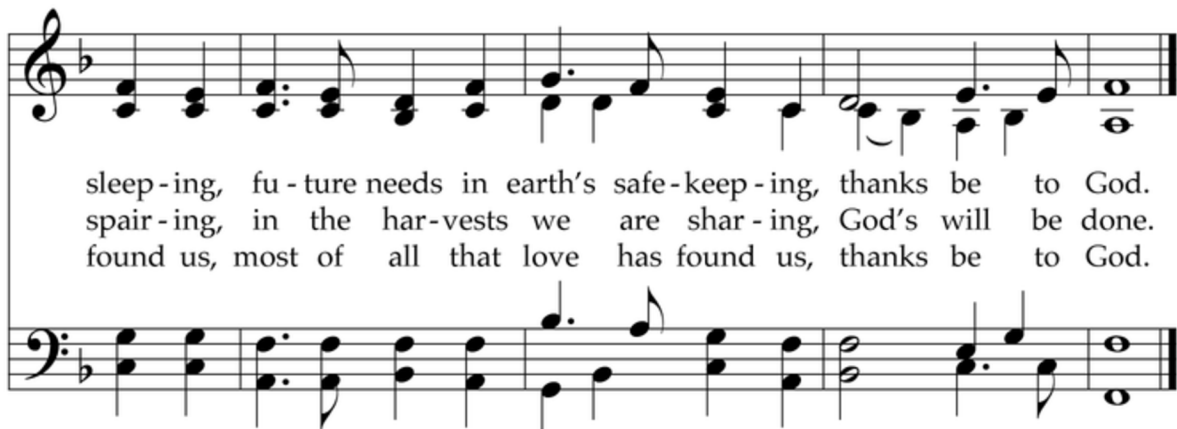
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

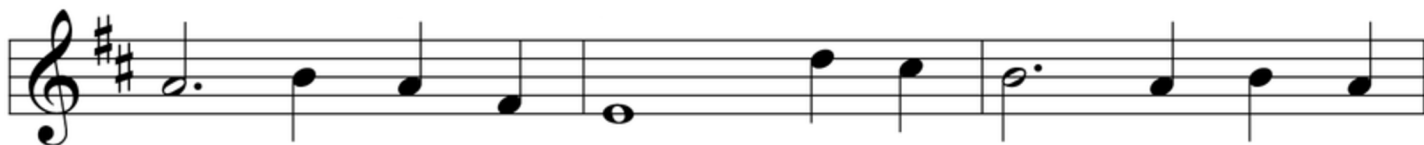


sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

44 Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you
now and forevermore.

Let us
go in peace,
practice forgiveness,
live the gospel,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in A Minor" | *J.S. Bach*

IN WORSHIP

Psalm 1 informs us that those who delight in the law of the Lord are "happy," righteous and prosperous. The psalm makes a sharp contrast between the lot of the righteous and the wicked. Of the righteous, the psalmist states, "Joy shall be in their hearts...for they recite the law, they speak it day and night. They are like green trees that grow by clear flowing water." Of the wicked, the psalmist states, "They blow like chaff in the wind, they fall by the weight of the truth." The psalm seems to make the point that we link happiness with walking in the Lord's ways. The reader or listener might ask, "How can I get started on that way?" This psalm indicates we find that path by considering, meditating on the psalms that follow. There we may discover the way that leads to happiness. These 150 psalms will teach us the way to go.

The text of this morning's final hymn, No. 44 "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us," is organized around three motifs: context, crisis, and resolution. The context is established in the first two stanzas, where shared human experience of parents provides a means of grasping something of the nature of God as revealed through them. The third stanza deals with the crisis of wandering: away from God, away from faith, away from other people. Yet, in spite of our behavior, "God still calls us into life." By the fourth stanza we have God as a model for how we relate to other human beings. When we act with generosity, support our neighbor, follow the ways of peace and justice, we sense God's presence because we have patterned our lives on God's own nature.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Chamber Ensemble
Peace Choir | *Katie Ray, Director*

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Events and Announcements

Indy Action Coalition Listening Session | Today | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Join us in the Board Room for a listening session and a screening of the new short film, "The Cost of the Cage." We'll also discuss Public Question 1, current conditions in Indianapolis, and changes we want to see.

Adult Ed: NPC in Kenya with Umoja | October 28 | 6:00 pm

Join us for a presentation by those who traveled with Northminster to Kenya to visit our Umoja partners! Hear about their experience, see pictures from our mission partner, and learn more about how you can get involved!

New Member Class | November 1 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Interested in exploring more about NPC and becoming a member? Join us for a New Member Class to get to know one another and discover ways to get involved! Childcare provided. RSVP by Monday 10/26 using the QR code!



Practical Meditation | Starting November 7 | 10:00 am - 11:15 am

Join us on the first three Saturdays in November and learn or refresh your options for a meaningful meditation practice! Classes are \$15 each or \$40 if you register for all. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code.



Rev. Heimach Book Signing | November 8 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Rev. Robert Heimach will be signing and offering copies of his new book "Decently and In Order" in the Gathering Place for just \$10! The book takes you behind the scenes of his ministry of 35 years in three Indiana churches.

Yoga Workshop with Kim Allen | November 13 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Sign up today for the final workshop of the year on November 13! Classes are \$50, and all are welcome (yoga teaching professionals can earn two CEUs)! "Optimize Gut Health: Principles from Ayurveda."



Umoja Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner | November 15 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Umoja's annual Thanksgiving dinner and silent auction is coming up and tickets are on sale! Hear about what is happening to ensure students stay in school in Kenya. Tickets are \$50 each and can be bought through the QR code.



2027 Annual Appeal: "Your Light Shines"

Our 2027 Annual Appeal campaign, Your Light Shines, is underway. Today is Commitment Sunday. All are invited to participate in the campaign! Discover how by scanning the QR code.



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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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