



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday After Pentecost | June 18, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Fantasie in G Minor, BWV 542" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham and Sarah welcomed divine visitors
with gracious hospitality and a rich feast,

**may we welcome God with open hearts,
ready to feast on God's word.**

Here, in this place, it is the Lord who offers bread that satisfies
and waters that refresh.

We come with open hands, ready to receive God's grace.

HYMN NO. 612

"We Praise You, O God" | *KREMSE*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carol McDonald

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One,
we confess that we do not know how to look for you.
We do not sense your nearness,
and if there are angels among us, we are unaware.
We do not show the hospitality to strangers
that Abraham showed to you.
We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed
by your Spirit.

Merciful God, forgive us.
Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us.
Send us out with this good news so that others
will also receive your blessing;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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



We Praise You, O God

612



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ gave his life to save us from wrath.

**Therefore, we are justified by faith,
and we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Trust the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Praise God for new beginnings.

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*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.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18: 1-15 (p. 14) (Spark Bible p. 34)



PSALM 116: 12-19

Samuel Weber; Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Cantor



How can I re - pay the _ Lord for the good-ness done for me?

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5: 1-8 (p. 155)

SERMON

"Peace and Hope" | *Brian Shivers*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN

"God, Give Me Faith Like a Child" | *EZRA*



1. God, give me faith like a child— faith of hows, and whats, and
(2. God,) give me hope like a child— hope of day - dreams and de -
(3. God,) give me love like a child— love of o - ver - flow - ing



whys; faith that won - ders, laughs, and cries; faith to grow, ex - plore, and
light; hope that seeks be - yond my sight; hope that sings in spite of
grace; love that's ea - ger to em - brace; love that calls to dance and



find all that moves my search - ing mind— God, give me faith like a
fear when the fu - ture is - n't clear— God, give me hope like a
play ev - 'ry - one who comes my way— God, give me love like a



child.
child.
child.

1., 2.
3. God,
3. God,



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

OFFERTORY

"Mansions in the Skies" | *PISGAH*, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925); Elisabeth Kleinsmith, Soprano

When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I'll bid farewell to every fear and wipe my weeping eyes;
And wipe my weeping eyes,
I'll bid farewell to every fear and wipe my weeping eyes.

Should earth against my soul engage and hellish darts be hurled,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage and face a frowning world;
And face a frowning world,
Then I can smile at Satan's rage and face a frowning world.

Let cares like a wild deluge come, and storms of sorrow fall,
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my Heaven, my All;
My God, my Heav'n my all,
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my Heav'n, my All.

*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

*HYMN NO. 718

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" | *BOURBON*



Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, the three persons of the Trinity surround us;

the hand of God keeps us;

the Spirit of God guides us;

the Son of God delivers us.

May we live in the love of God.

May we live in the peace of Christ.

May we live in the hope of the Spirit.

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542" | *J.S. Bach*

IN WORSHIP

In each service for the Lord's Day, we collectively pray a "prayer of confession." This prayer allows us to respond to God's merciful goodness by confessing our sins together in true repentance. The early reformers abolished the required Sacrament of Penance, associated with the Catholic mass, but they preserved confession and forgiveness. By transferring the prayer of the priest to the whole congregation, the reformers made the statement that it was the congregation who celebrated the liturgy, and not the priest alone with the congregation as the audience. In the Prayer of Confession, we lay before God not only those sins that may belong to us individually and personally, but also the sins and brokenness of the congregation, the church universal, and the world. We are confident that in our dying to sin and old destructive ways, the God of grace raises us to new life.

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Events and Announcements

Lori Schlabach Retirement Celebration! | Today | 11:00 am

Following worship this morning we will be hosting a celebration for the retirement of our finance administrator, Lori Schlabach! Help us celebrate her 10 years of dedicated service to Northminster. Light refreshments will be served.

Northminster Reads: The Sweetness of Water | Tonight | 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our next installment of Northminster Reads about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever. Scan the QR code for the link!



Fan The Flame Day of Giving | Jun. 21

Join with NPC to support Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center for their inaugural Fan the Flame Day of Giving on Wednesday, June 21. We invite you to make a gift by using the QR code and together we can keep the fires burning.



Food Pantry Collection | Jun. 25

Partnering with our Summer Fun event, the Mission Team is requesting donations for the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries food pantry. Each week we'll collect different items in the Gathering Place cart. **For June 25: Canned Fruits & Vegetables**

Northminster Housing Advocates Meeting | Jun. 25 | 11:15am - 12:15 pm

Starting Sunday, June 25th, Members acting as Court Watchers will meet on the 4th Sunday of the month after church to discuss their court experiences. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Holewinski.



Back-To-School Extravaganza | Jul. 9 - Jul. 13 | Various Times

Join our friends at Second Presbyterian and St. Luke's Methodist to sort school supplies that will be delivered to schools in Washington Township. Use the QR code to view volunteer times and a signup link will be available soon!



Northminster Community Yoga Returns! | Jul. 9 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Community Yoga with Krista Wright returns starting July 9th and every following Sunday in July in Calvin Hall! \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and registration isn't required.



Middle School Day at the Lake | Jul. 25 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Middle schoolers (6th through 8th grade) are invited to the Ronco's lake house! Make sure to bring a swimsuit and towel but lunch and snacks will be provided! More information can be found by using the QR code to the right.



Congo Family Donations

Help to provide assistance for the Bilemo/Kangeta family of six adults and a toddler by providing a table and chairs, a vacuum cleaner, small patio furniture, a small tv table, or even transportation. If you have questions, please contact Monica Brase.

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