



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost | July 19, 2026 | 10:00 am

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

Karalea Mulvey

PRELUDE

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come. We wait.

We long. We hope.

We suffer. We pray.

We rejoice. We sing.

We know we are children of God.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN NO. 19

"God of Great and God of Small" | GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God,
there is no place where you are not with us.

You see us at our worst and at our best.

There is much we would hide from you -
the ways we harm your creation,
the ways we mistreat others,
the ways we turn away
when we should turn toward.

Even as you know us, forgive us.
Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,
that we may delight in you as you delight in us.

* SILENT CONFESSION



God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved children of God,
remember you are fearfully and wonderfully made
by the Creator of the Universe.

God knows us and loves us.

Let us live our lives remembering
we are forgiven and loved.

Thanks be to God!

* **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

Caribbean Conference of Churches

$\text{♩} = 132$

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 132. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing chords. The lyrics are written below the staff. The score includes a repeat sign and a final measure with a fermata. Chord symbols Em, E7, and Em are placed above the staff. The words 'Repeats' and 'Last time' are written below the staff.

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to God's
peo - ple on earth
earth.

Em E7 Em
Repeats *Last time*

* **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

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | EPISTLE

Romans 8: 12-25 | NT p. 158

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 | OT p. 577-578

SERMON

"Psalm 139" | Karen Herbst-Kim

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN

"In the Morning, in the Evening" | FIRSTBORN



1. In the morn - ing, in the eve - ning, God is hold - ing you, hold - ing you. In the
2. In the moun - tains, in the o - cean, God will car - ry you, car - ry you. In the
3. In the good times, in the hard times, God will stay with you, stay with you. In your



day - time, in the night - time, God is hold - ing you still.
for - est, in the cit - ies, God will car - ry you still.
wak - ing, in your sleep - ing, God will stay with you still.



An - y - where you may go, God will go with you.



An - y - where you may go, you are God's child.

SOLO

"Wordless is the Prayer" | *Sally Ann Morris (b. 1956)*

Wordless is the prayer that rises from the heart;
too deep for speech yet by the Spirit known and heard...

Wordless is the hope that guides through gloom and doubt;
not dulled by time, the balm of all who wait and watch...

Wordless is the strength that meets the task at hand;
embodied faith, the silent grace to persevere...

Wordless is the joy that bursts from tombs of fear;
all life made new, bright taste of recreating love...

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

"Meditation" | *Gabriel Dupont (1878-1914)*

* 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. 302

"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" | O WALY WALY

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Siblings in Christ,
however dark the night gets -
whatever we have stolen or squandered -
know that we are held by a love like this:
the Creator who made us
still claims us in covenant love;
the Redeemer who died for our sake
lives again by the word of God;
the Sustainer of all creation
breathes courage into our hearts.

**Let us go from this place
carrying the blessing and assurance
that the Creator of the universe knows our name.
May we serve with boldness and joy.**

POSTLUDE

"A Gaelic Blessing" | *John Rutter (b. 1945)*

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

(adapted from an old Gaelic rune)



When Hands Reach Out and 302

Fingers Trace



1 When hands reach out and fin - gers trace the beau - ty
 2 When fin - gers spell and signs ex - press our prayer and
 3 When bro - ken bod - ies will not mend, we thank you,
 4 And when the ways we learn and grow are not the
 5 Your Spir - it gives us dif - fering ways to serve you



of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
 praise and thank - ful - ness, we thank you, God, that
 God, for Christ our friend. In him, our heal - ing
 ways that oth - ers know, we thank you, God, that
 well and of - fer praise. When all are joined as



love re - lies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.
 hands can sing; you bless the si - lent songs we bring.
 can be - gin: he wel - comes all the wound - ed in.
 we have learned your love's a gift, and nev - er earned.
 one, we'll be your a - ble, strong com - mu - ni - ty.

IN WORSHIP

Our opening hymn, No. 19, “God of Great and God of Small,” reminds us of Jesus’ teaching that being childlike is a characteristic of those who wish to live under God’s reign. The stanzas assemble attributes rather than assertions, and all these qualities are addressed to God rather than simply being about God. The simple tune has a range of exactly one octave (eight notes) and uses every note of the C Major scale. The author and composer, Natalie Sleeth (1930 – 1992), was an Illinois native. She received a BA degree in music theory from Wellesley College in 1952 and received honorary doctorates from two colleges - West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1959 and Nebraska Wesleyan College in 1990. Sleeth wrote organ works, hymns, and anthems. Her most popular hymn is No. 250 “Hymn of Promise” (also titled “In the Bulb there is a Flower.”)

Today’s service concludes with British composer John Rutter’s (born 1945) setting of “A Gaelic Blessing.” The inscription at the top of the printed music states “Words adapted from an old Gaelic Rune”. A rune is essentially an alphabet which predates the Latin alphabet we use today. Runes were inscribed on any hard material ranging from leather and metal to all forms of rock, the characters often being more symbolic and were therefore sometimes used decoratively. The English novel from which the central lines of “A Gaelic Blessing” were taken was *The Dominion of Dreams: Under the Dark Star* by Celtic revival writer William Sharp in 1895. John Rutter has said he added the final line, “Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.”

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Krista Wright | *Soprano*

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Events and Announcements

Youth Group & Indiana Diaper Bank | July 20 | 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Northminster Youth Group is volunteering at the Indiana Diaper Bank! We'll start at the church, head to the Diaper Bank to volunteer, and then have lunch before coming back. All ages welcome! Use the QR code to register!



Theology on Tap | July 23 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code by Monday, July 20.



Youth Group Putt-Putt | July 26 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Youth are invited to join us for Putt-Putt, dinner, and possibly bowling or laser tag as well! There is no cost to attend; just use the QR code to let us know if you plan to attend.



August Sermon Suggestions | Now Through July 27

Is there a theological idea, topic, hymn, or passage of Scripture that you would like to hear a sermon on? Submit your suggestions today, and four of the most popular sermon suggestions will be used for August!



July Mission Team Collection: School Supplies

The Mission Team is collecting school supplies (specifically index cards, spiral notebooks, and poster paper) for our partners Broad Ripple Middle School and School 55! Items can be donated to the brown bins in The Gathering Place.

Neighborhood Block Party | August 1 | 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us for a neighborhood block party! This event is completely free and will feature a cookout, 3v3 basketball tournament, and various games for kids and adults. Want to help us plan numbers? Submit an RSVP using the QR code!



Outdoor Worship & Picnic | August 16 | 10:00 am

Join us for outdoor worship on Ralston Commons followed by a picnic! We also need plenty of volunteers to assist with setup and cleanup! Use the QR code to register for lunch and volunteer through Civic Champs.



The Ecumenical Yogi Blog and Podcast

A new episode is now available! Episode six, "Meet Your Fitness Professional with Susan Holewinski," can be found on our website or using the QR code. A new blog post, "Impermanence and Attachment," is also available.



More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.church/events

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Custodian

Salima Lutumika
Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

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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