

True or not, I'm ready to believe it.
Scanning in his mind so many times and places,
he'd had enough of dying species,
the triumphs of the strong over the weak,
the endless struggles to survive,
all doomed sooner or later.
He'd earned the right to happy endings,
at least in fiction with its diminutions.

Hence the indispensable silver lining,
the lovers reunited, the families reconciled,
the doubts dispelled, fidelity rewarded,
fortunes regained, treasures uncovered,
stiff-necked neighbors mending their ways,
good names restored, greed daunted,
old maids married off to worthy parsons,
troublemakers banished to other hemispheres,
forgers of documents tossed down the stairs,
seducers scurrying to the altar,

orphans sheltered, widows comforted,
pride humbled, wounds healed over,
prodigal sons summoned home,
cups of sorrow thrown into the ocean,
hankies drenched with tears of reconciliation,
general merriment and celebration,
and the dog Fido,
gone astray in the first chapter,
turns up barking gladly in the last.

By Wisława Szymborska

APPROACHING GOD

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON
arr. Duane Funderburk
Crystal Barrett, Oboe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of
praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

**For a Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our
diseases; our Savior is our peace.**

Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN NO. 260** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ruth Chadwick Moore

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever.

We confess to you our frailty and our wayward conditions.

We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us.

Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations and around the world.

Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise.

***SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace.

Our Master's touch heals us.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise God! We can be at peace.

*WE ARE FORGIVEN

Hal Hopson

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

*SHARING THE PEACE

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.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

9:00 Preschool children may be excused for Church School at this time.

11:00 Children may be excused for Church School at this time.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7: 1-11 (Pg. 279)



*East side: I have found my servant David;
with my holy oil I have anointed him;*

**West side: my hand shall always remain with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.**

*East: The enemy shall not outwit him,
the wicked shall not humble him.*

**West: I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

*East: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;
and in my name his horn shall be exalted.*

**West: I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**

*East: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'*

**West: I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

*East: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him,
and my covenant with him will stand firm.*

Refrain

**West: I will establish his line forever,
and his throne as long as the heavens endure.**

*East: If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my ordinances,*

West: if they violate my statutes

and do not keep my commandments,

*East: then I will punish their transgression with the rod
and their iniquity with scourges;*

**West: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love,
or be false to my faithfulness.**

*East : I will not violate my covenant,
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.*

**West: Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.**

*East: His line shall continue forever,
and his throne endure before me like the sun.*

**West: It shall be established forever like the moon,
an enduring witness in the skies.”**

Refrain

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2: 11-22 (Pg. 192)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The House of the Lord

Teri Thomas

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

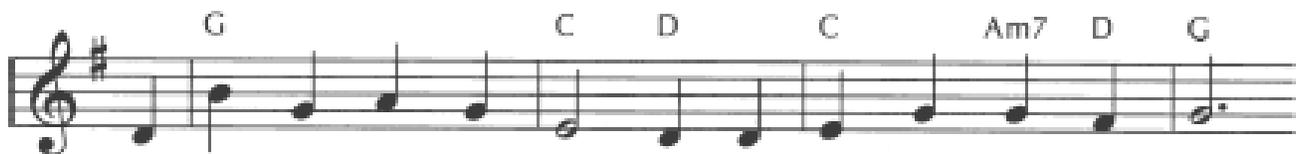
RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN NO. 378** We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

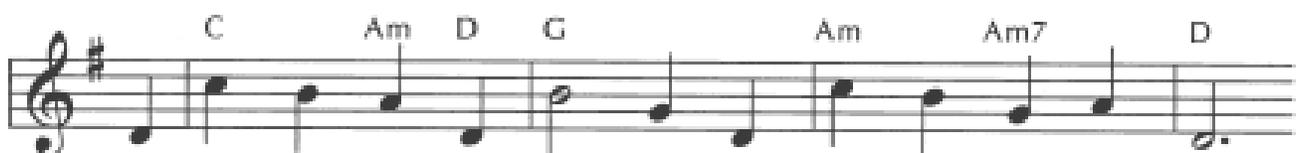
MERLE’S TUNE



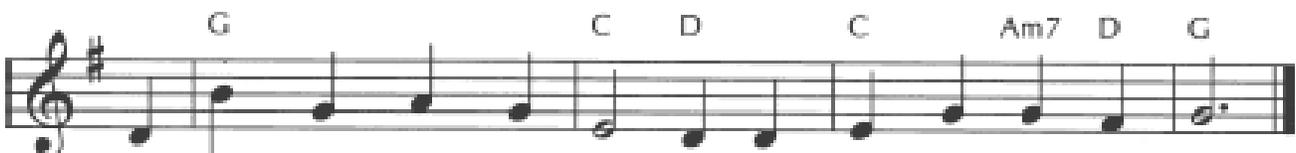
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

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 Though My Vision/My Shepherd

Will Supply My Need

SLANE/RESIGNATION

arr. Brant Adams

Crystal Barrett, Oboe

***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**

GOING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 772**

Live Into Hope

TRUO

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

POSTLUDE

Postlude: Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)



What's Next?

Sunday Worship

July 29 – A discussion of God's love.

August 5 – We continue through the Letter to the Ephesians.

The author talks of being bound together.

August 12 – The theme is peace. We'll also bless backpacks for school.

August 19 – We are challenged in Ephesians 5 to sing songs and hymns and spiritual songs. Come and sing with us.

August 26 – We look at the armor of God and what it means for us.

Mission and Outreach

Back to School Extravaganza - preparing for event on July 28

Gathering of School Supplies for John Strange Elementary School – yellow bin in the Gathering Place

IHN/Family Promise – August 12-19. Sign up in the Gathering Place.

Deacon's T-Shirt Sales – deadline is August 28. Shirts will be available for Day of Caring.

Events and Education

Adult Education – Shakespeare and the Mysteries of Religion –

Hamlet's Faith Journey -- Sundays, July 8-29, 10:15am.

Caregiver Support Groups – Wednesday, August 1, 1pm, and Monday, August 6, 6pm.

Musical Presentation – Music Directors from Northminster, Irvington, and Faith Presbyterian Churches – Thursday, August 9, 11am.

Recycling Collection – Saturday, August 11, 10am-2pm, and Sunday, August 12, 12:30-2:30pm.

Youth Fellowship – Indianapolis Indians Game – August 12, 1:15pm.

NorthStars Planning Meeting – August 16, 6pm pitch-in dinner.

Youth Fellowship – Pool Party at the Crooks – August 19, 5pm.

Northminster Choirs Resume – August 22.

*All-Church Family Night – Open Mic Night—August 24,
5:30pm.*

Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays at 7:30am.

3B Exercise – Monday and Thursday at 1:30pm.

For more information, check out our website
(northminster-indy.org).

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(facebook.com/Northminsterindy/).

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