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Northminster Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nov 6, 2011

9 and 11 a.m.

APPROACHING GOD

** Those who are able please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE (9 am)

“Voluntary”

Marko Petricic, Organ

(11 am)

“Bouree I and II”

Kurt Fowler, Cello

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Teri Thomas

Almighty God, you bring your people together in one holy church, the body of our Lord.

Lead us to follow your saints and to know the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you.

***HYMN NO. 526** “For All the Saints”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Ruth Chadwick Moore

Women and Girls:

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings.

Men and Boys:

Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.

Women and Girls:

There is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.

Men and boys:

We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.

All: O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk in the light of your truth.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving sin, and granting pardon.

Our God is good and faithful. Let us live as children of the light.

***GLORIA**

Carroll Andrews



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



Lord — God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may be dismissed to Children's Church.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

ANTHEM "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

African American spiritual

Tammany Harding, Soprano Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff includes a final 'Hal-le-lu-jah!' written above the staff. The second staff includes a fermata over the final note.

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal-le-lu-jah!

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

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SERMON “A Crowded Table” Teri Thomas

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed
(Traditional, Hymnal p.14)

OFFERING

(Sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

OFFERTORY “Zion hört die wächter singen”

Zion hört die Wächter singen,
das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen,
sie wachet und steht eilend auf.
Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig,
von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig,
ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.
Nun komm, du werthe Kron, Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn!
Hosianna! Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal
und halten mit das Abendmahl.

*Zion hears the watchmen sing,
her heart leaps for joy,
she awakes and gets up in haste.
Her friend comes from heaven in his splendor,
strong in mercy, mighty in truth.
her light becomes bright, her star rises.
Now come, you worthy crown, Lord Jesus, God's son!
Hosanna! To the hall of joy
and share in the Lord's supper.*

***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!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Teri Thomas

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

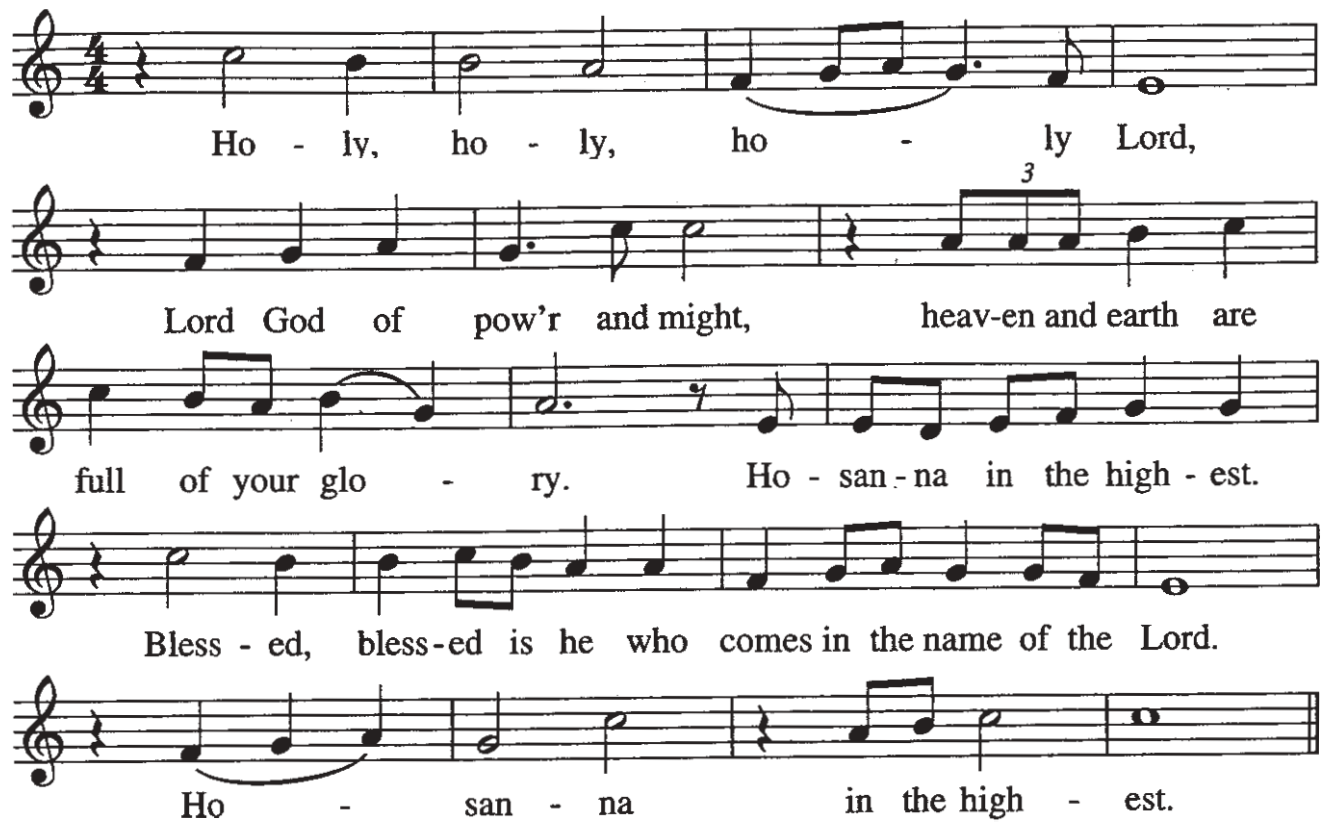
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Daniel Kallman



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

THE COMMUNION

(Our communion is open to all who trust in the Christ. Please hold the bread and we will all eat together. Drink the cup as you are served)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(11 am) "Lead Me, Guide Me" *(Sing on cue from leader)*

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
For if You lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

The musical score is written on four staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,'. The second staff contains 'For if You lead me, I can - not stray.' and features a triplet of eighth notes under the word 'if'. The third staff contains 'Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.' and features a triplet of eighth notes under the word 'let'. The fourth staff contains 'Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.' and ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 364 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE “Wake, Awake for Night is Flying”
Chancel Choir

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

FUNERAL PLANNING

Although we don't like to talk about it, it is so helpful to your children and pastors if you can give us some information about what you would like at your funeral service. Starting today, the Do-In-A-Day ChristCare group will be passing out our "Church Information for My Funeral Service" forms. Please take one, fill it out and return it to the church office. Thank you for helping your church plan the funeral or memorial service that you and your family would like.

UNDIE SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Baskets are located around the church for donations of underwear, all sizes, all kinds, all new. Donations taken for the Martin Luther King Multi-Service Center.

WITH THANKS,

Thanks to everyone who generously volunteered and donated candy for Trunk or Treat. We had a record turnout. It would have been 'scary' without your help!

WANDA WHEELER THANKS EVERYONE

for the cards and visits she has received while recuperating from her fall. She loves hearing from you, is getting along much better and is looking forward to when she can leave rehab.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 11/20

On Sunday, 11/20, our Bridge Team will lead us in a celebration to honor the 2nd anniversary of the completion of our building renovation. Two years ago we called it "Dedication Sunday." On 11/20, we'll have refreshments and a "treasure hunt" throughout the building, remembering what used to be and celebrating what we are now blessed to have here in this church! Please join us.

**“UNDERSTANDING DEPRESSION TODAY”,
AN INFORMAL DIALOGUE, NEXT SUNDAY AT 10AM**

Join Sam Smith, MA, LMHC, LMFT, LCAC, next Sunday 10am in Calvin Hall for an informal group dialogue on understanding depression today. He'll discuss the causes, the signs, symptoms and the impact it can have on our lives. He'll also relate relatively new perspectives about ways of understanding and coping with this phenomena.

Sam is a therapist at the St. Vincent Stress Center and has held private counseling sessions at Northminster 2-days a week for the past several years, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, 11/23

This year we'll be worshipping in the newly renovated sanctuary at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on Meridian. There will be a joint choir as well.

PAPERLESS NEWS & VIEWS: GO GREEN!

To date, 66 families (or 99 individuals) have chosen to receive the electronic version of our monthly newsletter, *News & Views*! That's less paper & envelopes used and less postage spent. Let's encourage everyone to be green – help save the environment and save Northminster money. To sign up for the E-*News & Views* today email Katie Hart at katiehart@northminster-indy.org!

CLOTHE-A-CHILD DATE CHANGED! NOW ON 12/1

Clothe-A-Child is now Thurs., 12/1 at 10 am at Sears/ Castleton Square. Financial donations and volunteer shoppers are needed. Make checks payable to NPC with Clothe-A-Child noted. Specially marked Clothe-A-Child envelopes are available in your annual giving envelopes, the pews, and the church office. Sign up sheet for volunteer shoppers is located across from the Choir Room. Please consider donating your time, money, or both for this very important traditional Christmastime outreach.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

This morning's Offertory and Choral Response at the end of the service (respectively J. S. Bach's "Zion hört die Wächter singen," and "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying") is from Cantata BWV 140 *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* ("Wake, Arise,' cries the watchmen's voice"). The cantata is based on Matthew 25: 1 – 13, the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, our Gospel lesson for today. In "Zion hört die Wächter singen," the hymn tune is sung by unison choir while violin interweaves three different melodies throughout. "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" is a rousing four part chorale, found in most hymnals (including our own) under the title "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us." Note Bach's use of violin playing the melody one octave higher than everyone else – perhaps representing the idea of heaven.