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Northminster Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sept 4, 2011

9 and 11 a.m.

APPROACHING GOD

** Those who are able please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE

“Praeludium in G minor”

Marko Petricic, Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Teri Thomas

Friends, awake!

Today is the day God has made.

Sing to God a new song and praise God's holy name.

We come with our songs of praise to our faithful God.

Where two or three are gathered in God's name, God is here among us.

Praise be to God!

***HYMN NO. 330 “Deep in the Shadows of the Past”**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Creator, you have chosen us to be your family. We confess that we are a family that too often fusses and fights. No matter how hard we try, we seem to get into trouble with one another. Then we make matters worse by holding our angry feelings inside until we explode, by holding grudges, by trying to get people to side with us against those who have hurt us. Forgive us. Teach us how to solve our problems, instead of getting even. Help us to speak honestly but kindly. Remind us to listen. Work with us to keep your family together.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sing to the Holy One a new song!

Praise God with dancing, with tambourine and lyre.

God takes pleasure in all God’s people, offering forgiveness, hope, and a way when it seems there is no way.

Let us live in God’s freeing presence. Praise God!

***RESPONSE “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 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.)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Preschoolers may be dismissed to childcare at this time.)

SOLO “Sonata in C Major (III Adagio IV Allegro)

Kathy Hershberger, Viola

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andrea Martin

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13:8 – 14 (Page 162)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1 – 14 (Page 58)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stories that Define Us”

Teri Thomas

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO GOD

*HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his
seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en
peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly
best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er
rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY “Adoro te devote” arr. Kevin Waters
Kathy Hershberger, Viola

*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

C. Oliver

Intro *People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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 is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life, Lord Je - sus, come _____ in glo - ry.

AMEN

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional

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 come forward by the center aisle as the usher dismisses your pew. Take a piece of bread from the plate, dip it into the cup and then eat it. Return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you would rather not come forward, please indicate your desire to be served and the bread and cup will be brought to you. Gluten free communion wafers are located on the pedestal near the Baptismal font on the east side of the Sanctuary.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Andrea Martin

GOING FORTH

***HYMN NO. 438** “Blest be the Tie That Binds”

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE “All Glory Be to God on High”
Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712)

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY WE WELCOME

The Reverend Andrea Martin who is assisting in Worship this morning. Pastor Ruth Moore is on vacation this week.

OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY, 9/5

The church office and building will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

RECENT DEATHS:

Ann Schmidt Walker on 8/31

COOL OFF IN SEPTEMBER WITH J.O.Y. . . .

on the J.O.Y. Group's Virtual Alaska Tour! Join them Thurs, 9/8, at noon for a lunch. After a tasty meal, don your binoculars and sunscreen as Pastor Teri Thomas takes us on an exciting cruise and tour of Alaska!

Cost is \$7 each for lunch, please reserve with church office by noon on Tuesday, 9/6.

PICNIC ON THE PLAZA, SUN., 9/11

Join us after the 11 am service on 9/11 for a church picnic "on the plaza" aka "the south parking lot. Please park on the street or in the north lot that day. Handicapped access to the Gathering Place entrance will be open. No reservations needed; free-will offering event. In case of rain, we'll be inside. Have a lawn chair? Bring it. See you there!

SUNDAY A.M. ADULT BIBLE STUDY, 9/11

Beginning Sun., 9/11 at 10 am in the Board Room, the pastors will lead a weekly Bible study. The topic each week will be the lectionary scripture passages to be used in worship the following Sunday.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE & PROJECT, 9/11

All are invited for informal fellowship at 2:30pm, followed by the Interfaith Prayer Service at 3pm. Afterwards attendees may volunteer at Gleaners Food Bank, take a tour of the impressive food bank facilities, or remain for food, fellowship and art. This event is free & open to the public. Gleaners Food Bank is located at: 3737 Waldemere, Indianapolis, IN.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to Tuesday Bible study resuming 9/13 at 10:45 am in the Board Room. We begin with sharing and prayers, then study lectionary scripture passages for the next Sunday's worship. This group is friendly, open, supportive and welcomes new faces! Questions? Contact Pastor Ruth Moore (251-9489 ext. 14.)

GET ON THE BUS: LET'S GO!

WE'VE GOT A BUS. LET'S USE IT!

Northminster is starting a new get-out-and-go singles ministry/group/team/ mob/gang. Pastor & BBQ Maven, Teri Thomas is hosting the kickoff gathering at her home Sept. 18 at 5pm Meet in the church parking lot at 4:45pm, we'll take the bus to Teri & Jack's home. OR set your GPS for 8617 Cricket Tree Lane, Indpls.

PICTURING THE FACE OF JESUS, 9/25, 10 AM

A presentation on how contemplating images of Jesus can enhance your spiritual life by local author, Beth Booram. For many Christians, Jesus has never been all that personal or real. Through a rich palette of experiential mediums - art contemplation, gospel story-telling, and imaginative prayer - this class will invite participants to picture the face of Jesus, his expressive, one-of-a-kind, human face.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD BARISTAS. . . .

for coffee hour! Work with a great group of people, circulate beyond your usual buddies and access to the first donut hole out of the box. Wow! Contact Shirley Smith 752-4529 or Josh Hill 695-8115.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

Today's final hymn, No. 438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," is one of the most popular hymns in English speaking countries. Much like "Amazing Grace," many Christians can sing the first stanza by memory. The text, originally titled "Brotherly Love," was written by John Fawcett (1740 – 1817). The hymn emphasizes Christian love, concern, and fellowship. Fawcett joined the Methodist church, but was later ordained as a Baptist pastor. He wrote over 160 hymns, including "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing." In 1772 he received a call to join a larger parish in London. As he and his wife loaded the wagon with their possessions for the move, they were surrounded by their beloved parishioners who came to bid farewell. Moved by their love and concern, Fawcett ordered the wagon unpacked and stayed in his Wainsgate church for many more years. This morning during worship, many Presbyterian churches who are "hymnal advocates" are singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Northminster is one of 37 "hymnal advocates," which means we are a supporter and consultant for the 2013 Presbyterian hymnal.