

* *Those who are able, please stand.* **Congregation responds in bold.**

APPROACHING GOD

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

WELCOME

Teri Thomas

PRELUDE

Praeludium in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Marland Pittman

Alleluia! Praise God in His holy temple.

Alleluia! Praise God in His mighty majesty.

Praise Him with timbrel and dance.

Praise Him with harp and strings, lute and trumpet.

Let everything that has life and breath sing praises to the Lord!

***HYMN NO. 396** Brethren, We Have Met for Worship

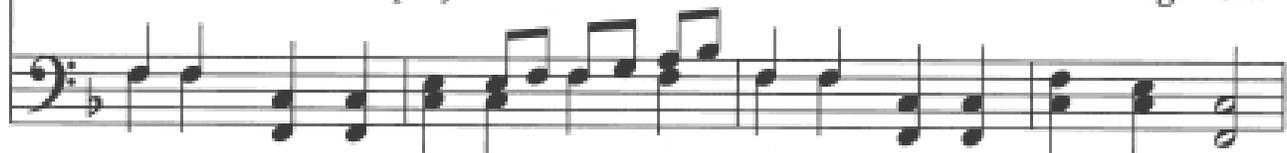
HOLY MANNA



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis - ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ruth Chadwick Moore

**Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people:
come among us and save us.**

**Forgive us, for we have misused your gifts of creation;
we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to
their aid;**

we have been dishonest, and have not strived for justice.

**Forgive us, for we have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;
we have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive us and show
us the way we should live.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, hear this good news!

God's mercy is poured out like a mighty river;

Grace flows like a never-ending stream.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

We give thanks for new beginnings.

***GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**

GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F[#]) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

ANTHEM (11:00) Oh, How I Love Jesus

Traditional
 Celebration Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

Presentation of Merriman Bibles

Commissioning Teachers

(Children may be excused to go to Church School at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON
13: 8-14 (Pg. 162)

Romans

PSALM 119: 33-40

Tone



Refrain



O Lord, my de-light, _____ my de - light is in your law.

Choir: Teach me the demands of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to ob- serve your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Refrain

**All: Guide me in the path of your commands,
for there is my delight.**

**Bend my heart to your will
and not to love of gain.**

Refrain

**Keep my eyes from what is false;
by your word give me life.**

**Keep the promise you have made
to the servant who fears you.**

Refrain

**Keep me from the scorn I dread,
for your de- crees are good.**

**See, I long for your precepts;
then, in your justice, give me life.**

Refrain

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Where Two or Three Gather - Love Teri Thomas

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

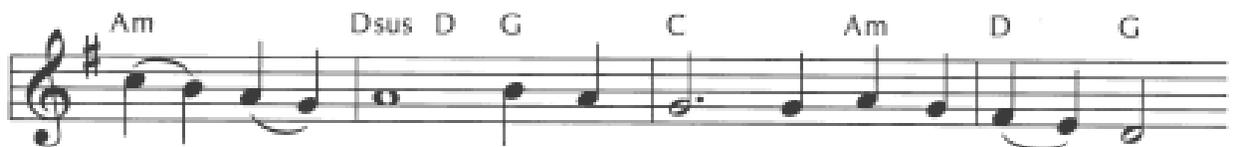
RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN NO. 529 Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

UNION SEMINARY



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

RECOGNITION OF RACISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE SUMMER DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol McDonald

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 (9:00)

Andante sostenuto (from *Symphonie Gothique*)

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

(11:00)

Hymn of Praise

René Clasuen
(born 1953)
Chancel Choir

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His holy temple;
in the firmament of His power.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His mighty majesty,
and with pure and humble heart.

Praise Him with the sound of the ram's horn,
praise Him with lyre and harp, lyre and harp, lute and melody.
Praise him with timbrel and dance.

Praise Him with harp, strings, and violin, lute, and trumpet, all
to His name.

Let everything that has life and breath sing praises unto the
Lord!

With cymbal and pipe, with shining stars!
We sing hosanna!

For Thou hast been our dwelling place from one generation to another,
before the mountains were brought forth,
or e'er the earth was formed, even from everlasting to everlasting,
Thou art God. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in His holy temple.
Amen. Alleluia, Amen!

***DOXOLOGY**

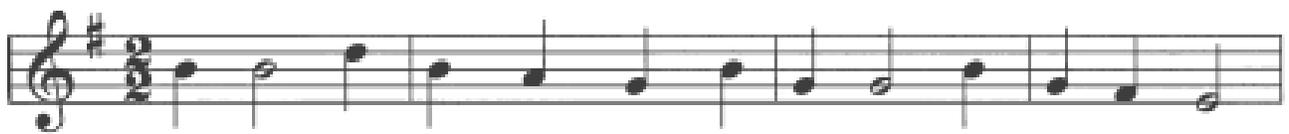
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

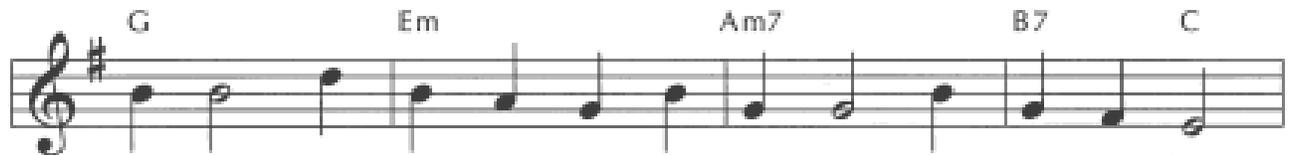
***HYMN NO. 754** Help Us Accept Each Other BORONITA



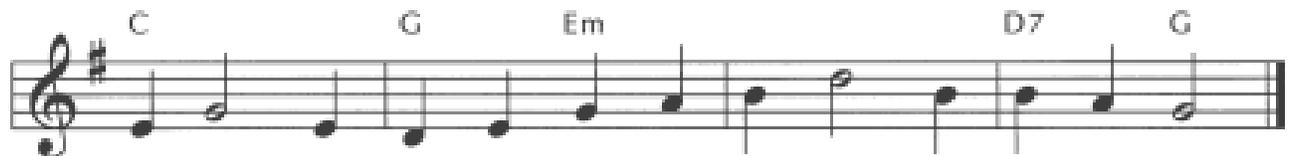
1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE (9:00) Improvisation on HOLY MANNA

Marko Petričić

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) Sizohamba naye

Traditional Swaziland
 Bel Canto

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God.
 We will walk with God, my sisters; we will walk with God.

We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.

*(Worshippers may remain seated in reflection
until the postlude or choral response is concluded.)*



The flowers in the chancel today are given for the glory of God and in honor of Bill and Cathy Lord's 60th wedding anniversary by Jennifer Lord and Loui Lord Nelson.

Ruth Moore and Marland Pittman are helping in Church School today.

Assisting in worship is Carol McDonald, Parish Associate.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The sung response to the Declaration of Forgiveness, No. 582, "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me," has become a favorite of Northminster parishioners. This setting of the *Gloria Patri* (Glory to the Father) was first introduced to us when we were one of the "Hymnal experiment churches" in the early stages of the formation of our 2013 hymnal, "Glory to God." The *Gloria Patri* is an ancient response to the promise of God's mercy and reconciliation, and is sung by most reformed churches each Service for the Lord's Day. The composer of this setting, Paul Vasile (born 1984), serves as the Minister of Music at Park Avenue Christian Church, New York.

***Sound & Spirit* presents Calan**, 4pm, Sunday, September 17th. Five young musicians bring traditional Welsh folk music to a new generation of fans all over the world. Combining fiddle, bagpipes, harp, guitar, percussion, step dancing and vocals, this international award winning folk band plays its first ever Indiana concert. This is a free concert.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries in affected areas. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.

Donations may be made by check to: Northminster Presbyterian Church, "PDA" in the memo line or on the NPC website.

What's Next ?

Sunday Worship

Sunday, September 17 – 9am worship only – Day of Caring

Sunday, September 24 – Last Sunday for Teri before she begins her sabbatical

Mission and Outreach

Day of Caring -- Sunday, September 17.

9am worship and then we'll go off-site at partner institutions as well as on-site at NPC. Sign up **TODAY** in the Gathering Place or on the Featured Events page of the NPC website.

Events and Education

3B -- Light exercise for Body, Brain, Belief --- M and Th --
1:30pm

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays 7:30am

Racism & White Privilege Discussion – TODAY, 10am

All-Church Picnic – TODAY, Noon.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study -- begins September 12, 11am

Presby Day and Homecoming Luncheon --Thursday, September 14, 10am

Day of Caring -- Sunday, September 17, 9am

Sound & Spirit – Sunday, September 17, 4pm

Youth Fellowship – Sunday, September 17, 5:30pm

NorthStars Levi Coffin Trip – Tuesday, September 19, 10am

4th Sunday Adult Study – Sunday, September 24, 10am

High School Lunch – Sunday, September 24, 12:15pm

Youth Fellowship – Sunday, September 24, 5:30pm
Wednesday Night Adult Ed – begins September 27, 6pm
Deacons Butterbraid Fundraiser – begins in October
Curious Conversations – Learn About NPC - October 1 and 8,
10am

*For more information, check out our website
(northminster-indy.org),
ask to receive our weekly email, pick up a newsletter from an
information table or contact the church office.*

To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount you would like to give to 317-316-3009. Our online giving system, ShelbyNext, will then prompt you through a one-time set up for giving.

MINISTRY

Teri L. Thomas
Pastor

Ruth Chadwick Moore
Associate Pastor

John M. Wright
Director, Music Ministries

Marko Petričić
Music Associate/Organist

Cheryl Plunkett
Acting Director, Christian Education

Julie Shannon
Director, Youth Ministries

Denise Harrington
Senior Ministry Consultant

Barbara A. Sloop
Parish Associate

Carol McDonald
Parish Associate

Marland Pittman
Seminary Intern

Carol Campbell
John Reed
Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leaders

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus