The Communion Anthem *You Do Not Walk Alone* Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall, you do not walk alone. -Traditional Irish Blessing

*The Communion Response LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter, One God Triune, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*The Closing Hymn No. 42 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

*The Postlude and Recessional *Majesty* Bruce Greer

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude.)

The floral offering is given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of
Thomas and Marjorie Stricklin
By the Stricklin Family

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler
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Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 2026

Welcome to our service at Northminster Church. We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us let us enter into the realization that this hour provides us with an opportunity to encounter the Holy. At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Then, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes *First Concerto in D Minor Adagio* – J.S. Bach 10:45 a.m.
Peace - Gwyneth Walker
Jesus Loves Me - Bradbury, arr. Eubanks

The Chiming of the Hour 11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship
One: Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord -
Choir: outsiders and insiders, old-timers, and new-comers,
Many: the young, old, and the in-between.
One: Come as you are, for this is God's house.
Choir: A house of prayer for all people,
Many: and God welcomes each one who comes.

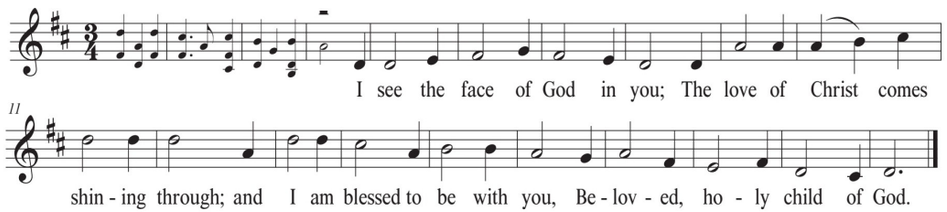
*The Processional (*Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)*

Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.

*The Opening Hymn No. 561 *When In Our Music God is Glorified*
ENGELBERG

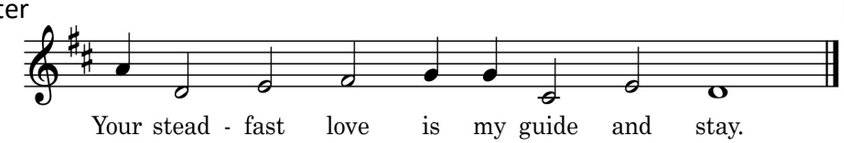
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message



The Voluntary *Aeon* Ola Gjello

The Psalter Psalm 26



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 12:5-10

One: A reminder that even in challenges, God is present.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 451 *Be Now My Vision*
SLANE

The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

Through these ancient words the Spirit speaks to us today. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-30

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *Good news for the people of God. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***Be Brave: Faithful Witness in a Time of Fear*** Dr. Paige Rawson

The Anthem *An Irish Blessing* arr. D. H. Clark
SALLEY GARDENS

May the road rise up to meet you; may the breeze gently blow your way. May the warmth of the sun sustain you in the cold of the winter's day. May rains refresh your fields to green; may abundance come from your land. 'Til we meet, may your souls rest safely in the palm of God's loving hand. And may joy and peace surround you; may contentment latch your door, and may happiness be with you now and bless you ever more. Amen.

Paraphrased from two traditional Irish Blessings by DHC

Dedicating Gifts to God

The Offertory is a time of personal devotion and reflection on the day's teaching, and an opportunity to present silently before God what we can give of ourselves. Monetary gifts, which are an important part of our worship and commitment to our church, may be made privately in the offering plate located in the aisle at the back of the sanctuary or via PayPal by scanning the QR Code found on the insert.

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

The Words of Institution

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us and a feast of bounty for all. In this place, all are welcome to partake. You will be directed, row by row, to come forward. The server will place the bread in your open palms. Gluten-free wafers are available. You are invited to either partake of the common cup containing wine or you may choose to take one of the individual cups containing grape juice. If you wish to take communion using intinction (dipping the bread), please use the individual cups.

**Please rise, if able.*