The Communion Anthem *Holy, Holy, Holy* Franz Schubert
Arr. From *Impromptu No. 3* and *Mass in* G by D. H. Clark

Holy, holy, holy, is our God. God of heaven and earth. All the earth is full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Holy is your name. Amen.

*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 Blessing for the Journey

One: In June of 1994, Northminster began a journey of justice and peace, of spiritual growth and new understanding, of vision and hope, and, most importantly, of mutual love and solidarity with our family in Ciego de Avila, Cuba. This week seven of you will go to express the love we all have for our brothers and sisters there and to continue the work of bringing about a better world. May we bless these travelers on their journey.

Many: Go with God's blessings of joy, hope, and grace. Take our love and spread it wherever you go. Bring home that love from our sisters and brothers when you return. Go with our prayers for safety, good health, and spirit-filled joy, in the name of the One who showed us how to love. Amen

*The Closing Hymn No. 542 *Born of God, Eternal Savior*
(Stanzas 1 & 4) WEISSE FLAGGEN

*The Benediction

*The Postlude and Recessional *Toccata* Gordon Levin

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

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler
Organist/Musician in Residence: Rev. Dr. D.H. Clark **Music Associate:** Mr. Justin Havard
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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 Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 18, 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 10:45 a.m.

Shall We Gather at the River? - Robert Lowry, arr. Tom Fettke
Ballade - Claude Debussy
Great is Thy Faithfulness - arr. Dan Forrest, Tr. Marianne Kim

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer

One: Listen up everyone! God has given us work to do.
Many: God has called each of us before we were even born.
One: It was God who named us.
Many: It is God who claims us.
One: The light of God's love shines in us.
Many: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

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

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 167 *Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering*
RENDEZ A DIEU

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message

I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.

The Voluntary *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual, arr. Marianne Kim

*The Hebrew Reading Isaiah 49:1-7

One: Words that make God's presence clear within each of us.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response *I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry* SMALLWOOD

The Psalm Psalm 40:1-11

One: The Psalmist speaks.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 165 *Love Came Down at Christmas*
WHITNEY

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

Hear now the word of God. You are the light of the world. So, let that light shine forth to the corners of the earth. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

One: The Gospel of our Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir *So, let your light shine before all, let your light so shine, that they might know some kindness again. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Awake, Your Light Has Come* David Danner

Awake, my spirit, lute and harp; I will arise at the dawn of day. I will confess you, O Lord among the nations. I will raise a psalm to you for your love. Your love is wide as the heaven, and your truth reaches to the skies! Wake, awake, for night is flying. The watchmen on the heights are crying: Awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices. And at the thrilling cry rejoices: Come forth, you maidens! Night is past. The bridegroom comes, awake; your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord whose light has stirred the waiting guard. Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her heart new joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom. For her Lord comes down all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is risen her light is come. O Come, you blessed one, Lord Jesus, God's own Son. Sing Hosannah! We go until the halls we view where you have bid us dine with you. Now let all the heavens adore you, and saints and angels sing before you the harps and cymbals all unite. Of one pearl each shining portal, where, dwelling with the choir immortal we gather 'round your dazzling light. No eye has seen nor ear has yet been trained to hear what joy is ours. Crescendos rise; your halls resound: Hosannas blend in cosmic sound. Arise, O Jerusalem. Arise clothed in light! Your light has come. And the glory of God upon your hearts will shine. Alleluia!

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

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. Come forward as directed. 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 take an 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.*