

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 take your own cup.

The Communion Anthem *How Sweet the Sound* arr. Samuel Adler

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a soul like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

An early American Melody, text by John Newton (1725-1807)

*The Communion Response

**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.**

Departing to Respond to God's Love

The Graduate Recognition

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 488

Be Still, My Soul
FINLANDIA

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Marche Triomphale

Paul Fey



**At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer

Organist/Musician in Residence: Rev. Dr. D.H. Clark

Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick

In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

Director of Music: Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler

Music Associate: Mr. Justin Havard

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Renee Decker

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Celebrating 35 Years of Ministry: 1989 – 2024

The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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.

Academic Festival Overture. - Johannes Brahms, tr. for organ by D H Clark
Played in Honor of our Choral Scholars, all Students and Teachers,
and especially our Graduating Seniors

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions

Mark Windham

The Call to Worship

One: Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration,
Many: a gathering of people expressing their joy.
One: Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest,
Many: a gathering of people searching for meaning.
One: Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast,
Many: a gathering of people seeking comfort for their grief.
One: Among us today are people who have come to march,
Many: people who have come to search,
One: people who have come to weep...
Many: Yet we have all come to acknowledge God
One: and to be in community with each other.
Many: We come with open minds, open hearts, and open arms;
One: that we might all find that for which we have come.
Many: And that we might all be surprised by God.

The Processional

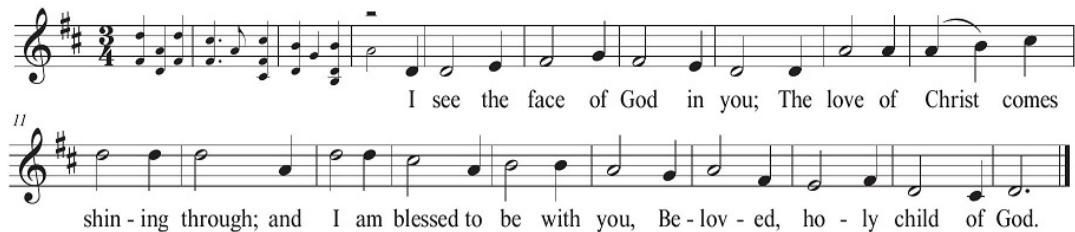
(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

*The Opening Hymn No. 26
(Stanzas 1-4)

We Worship You, God
LYONS

The Children's Message

Rev. Hankamer



I see the face of God in you; The love of Christ comes
shin-ing through; and I am blessed to be with you, Be-lov-ed, ho-ly child of God.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

Meditation on the ULM Alma Mater

The Scripture Reading

One: A story of healing from the early church.
People: Thanks be to God.

Rev. Hankamer

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-15

One: A reminder of the expansiveness of grace.
People: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn (See Insert)

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come
O WALLY WALLY*

*The Gospel Acclamation

D. H. Clark

Take up your cross and follow me. Christ's call to all who would Christians be.
Good news we share with one and all if we but heed Christ's loving call. Glory be to
you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

John 5:1-15

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Choir: *O may we answer this call today and follow Christ without delay. By Christ's
side we ever stay. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead Traditional, arr. D.H. Clark

*There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works in vain, and then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just
go and tell your neighbor, "Christ died to save us all!" When you feel discouraged,
know Jesus is your friend and when your soul is burdened, a balm he'll send.*

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 "trespasses")

*Please rise, if able.