

*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.

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Departing to Respond to God’s Love

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 19

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
ZION

*The Benediction

Rev. Hankamer

The Postlude

When I Can Read My Title Clear
Traditional
Arr. Mark Hayes

*The floral offering is given
To the Glory of God
And in honor of Craig Henry
On his birthday*



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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The Worship of God
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 20, 2025

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

Psalm Prelude - Herbert Howells

“Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord...” Psalm 130

10:45 a.m.

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 8

Praise to the Living God
DIADEMATA

Listening for God in Word, Prayer, and Music

The Children’s Message		
<i>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.</i>		
The Voluntary	<i>Boceto No. 4</i>	Enrique Granados
The Psalm		Psalm 84
One: The Psalmist speaks.		
Many: Thanks be to God.		
*The Hymn No. 488		<i>Be Still My Soul</i> FINLANDIA
The Scripture Reading		1 Kings 8:1-11
One: The story of the Ark of the Covenant being brought into the Temple.		
Many: Thanks be to God.		
The Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Hankamer
The Prayer Response	<i>God Be in My Head</i>	John Rutter
<i>God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.</i>		
		-Old English Prayer
The Scripture Reading		Ephesians 6:10-20
Many: Thanks be to God.		
The Sermon	<i>Armor for Peacetime?</i>	Rev. Hankamer
The Meditation	<i>Oh, Glory!</i>	Hall Johnson
		James Wright, Bass-Baritone

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 (see insert)		
The Words of Institution		
<i>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.</i>		
The Communion Anthem	<i>Christ Has a Garden</i>	OWALY WALLY arr. Gerald Near
<i>Christ has a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world’s wide wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; by Eden’s gracious streams that flow, to feed their beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air; stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, ‘ til the beloved Master comes: That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he has set; that he may ever more be seen to walk amid the springing green.</i>		
		-Robert Bridges after Issac Watts

**Please rise, if able.*