The Communion Anthem *In You, We Are One* Jay Althouse

Is not this bread we break a sharing of Thy body? Is not this cup we bless a sharing of Thy love? Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one. Is not this bread we break Thy spirit and Thy grace? Is not this wine we drink Thy tears in mercy shed? Though we are many, with You, Lord, we are one. Is not this house a place of blessed sanctuary? Is not this day a time of love?

*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. 319 *Sing Them Over Again to Me*
WORDS OF LIFE

*The Postlude and Recessional *Montauk* Rufus Wainwright

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

(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 Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 6, 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 *Intermezzo from Tiefland* - Eugène d'Albert 10:45 a.m.
Luca - Dan Romer
Herzwunden - Edvard Grieg

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Kwasi Kena

One: Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.
Many: What's that in the air?
One: Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.
Many: She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship.
One: The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.
Many: The fragrance of their worship fills the air.
One: Today let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.
Many: Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.
One: Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air!
Many: God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

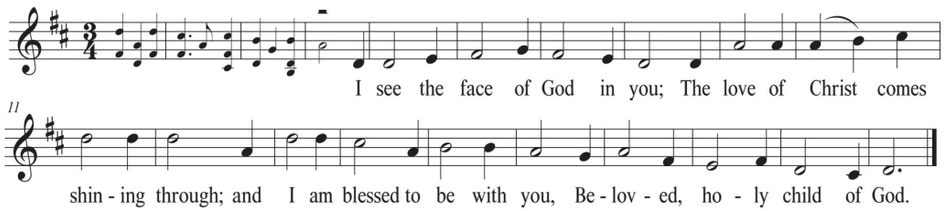
**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 408 *All My Hope on God Is Founded*
MICHAEL

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message



The Voluntary *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Gabriel, arr. Berry

The Psalter Psalm 103



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Where Charity and Love Prevail* CHRISTIAN LOVE

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found. Brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

*The Hymn No.583 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*
AUSTIN

The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

This is good news for the living of these days! Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *Your word speaks to us this day. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***The Poor Will Always Be With You*** Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Prayer of St. Francis* Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, thy pardon; where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. It is in giving that we receive and in pardoning that we are pardoned; in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

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.*