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.

The Communion Anthem *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* FINEST WHEAT

*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. 586 *Come to Tend God's Garden*
KING'S WESTON

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Tuba Tune in D* C. S. Lang

(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 Scottie Legan
By Bobbye, Tim, and Lauri Legan

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
Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 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 *Communion* - Alexandre Guilmant 10:45 a.m.
Attende Domine (I Wait for God) - Jeanne Demmessieux
Psalm Prelude (Ps. 34:6) – Herbert Howells
The Chiming of the Hour 11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship
One: God promises a life of blessing —
Many: blessing we know in obedience to God's word.
One: God promises a life of abundance —
Many: abundance we know through our trusting each other.
One: God promises a life of joy —
Many: joy we know in the justice of jubilee. - By Rev. Teri Peterson

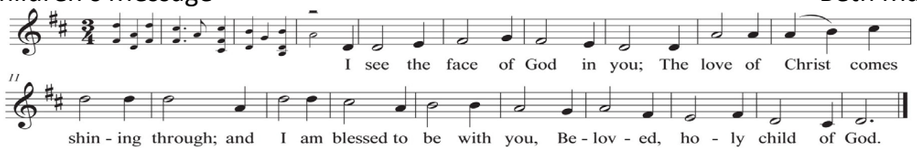
**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 576 *For the Healing of the Nation*
WESTMINSTER ABBEY
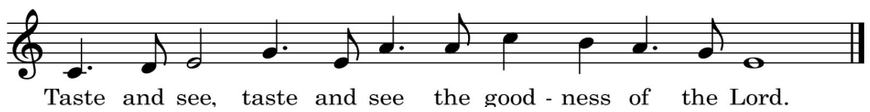
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Beth Mayfield



The Voluntary *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morriccone

The Psalter Psalm 34



The Prayer of Confession By Rev. Terri Peterson

You pour yourself out for us, O God. You offer us life, in your open hand. And also, you know us better than we know ourselves, you know that we are afraid there isn't enough to go around. We confess that our hands are tightly closed, grasping on to what we have, for we believe we must take care of ourselves. And we admit that we do not want to hear that our ways create the very problem we fear, so we talk about strategy in order to avoid generosity. Yet still you give us daily bread and call us to build community that trusts in its care for each other. Forgive us for hearing your call and deciding it is too difficult, without ever risking a try. Forgive us for allowing fear to rule. Forgive us for perpetuating a system of inequity simply because we cannot imagine any other. Give us the courage to pay attention, the foresight to look past our own desires, and the grace to be generous, trusting in your kingdom's economy where there is enough. Amen

The Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved of God, hear this good news: You are loved and forgiven.
Many: You are loved and forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Response *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ERIE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

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

The Sermon ***Debt Forgiveness and Fair Wages*** Rev. Hankamer
Deuteronomy 15:1-11; 24:10-15

The Anthem *Let Justice and Righteousness* George Friedrich Handel

Let justice and righteousness roll down like waters of everflowing streams. Let mercy and truth go before us all. – text adapted from Amos 5:24 by D. H. Clark

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 Celtic Lord's Prayer John Phillip Newell

Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.
Amen

**Please rise, if able.*