

The Communion Anthem

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e'en the Spirit of truth that He may abide with you forever. - from John 14:15-17

*The Communion Response

LAASST 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 Recognition of Graduates

*Kaylee Grassi
Norris Duke
Emmy Grassi*

Rev. Hankamer

*The Closing Hymn No. 275

Come Now, Almighty God
ITALIAN HYMN

The Benediction

Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional

Rejoice the Lord is King
Marianne Kim

(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

Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick

Admin. Assistant: Ms. Renee Decker

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

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The Worship of God

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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.

Wondrous Love – American Folk Song, Arr. Fred Bock

Songs Without Words: No. 13 – Felix Mendelssohn

It is Well With My Soul - VILLE DU HAVRE, arr. Tom Trenney, setting by M. Kim

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

Many: We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

One: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

Many: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life,

One: the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

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

Many: We worship the God who inhabits our world

One: and who indwells our lives. Let us worship as a community of faith.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 277 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
NICAEA

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.* Beth Mayfield

The Voluntary *Allegro gracioso, from Symphony II* Johannes Brahms

The Psalm *Psalm 66*



Let the sound of God's praise be heard.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Response *Spirit of the Living God* IVERSON

The Scripture Reading Acts 17:22-31
One: The words of Paul.
Many: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 286 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*
(Stanzas 1 & 4) SPIRIT

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark
The light of good news shines forth! Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading John 14:15-21

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir *May the light of these words guide our path. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Breath on Me, Breath of God* Chaz Bowers
O breathe on me, O breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the things you love and do. O breathe on me, O breath of God, until my heart is pure in you; until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure. O breathe on me, O breath of God, my will to yours incline, until this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine, O breathe on me, O breath of God, so I shall never die, but live with you the perfect life for all eternity. Amen.
—Words by Edwin Hatch 1835 – 1889, alt.

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.*