

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

God So Loved the World
from *The Crucifixion*

Sir John Stainer

God so loved the world that, in love, Christ Jesus came forth to earth to teach us the way to God's infinite love, love that saves us, love that brings everlasting life. Jesus came not to judge, nor to set law, nor condemn the world, but to bring love, God's infinite, wondrous love.

Text paraphrased from John 3:16 by D.H. Clark

*The Communion Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD ONE HUNDREDTH

Departing to Respond to God's Love

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 23

There is a Wideness in God's Mercy
IN BABILON

Rev. Hankamer

*The Benediction



**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

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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8



The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 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

10:45 a.m.

*Song Without Words – Thomas Candlyn
Andante in F – Louis Lefébvre-Wély
Andante Con Moto – Frank Bridge*

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

Lectern Side: We long for community.

Pulpit Side: We long for God.

One: We come to worship because we need a good word.

Lectern Side: We need connection.

Pulpit Side: We need moral reminders.

One: We come to worship because we are in between:

Lectern Side: hope and grief,

Pulpit Side: faith and doubt,

Lectern Side: joy and longing,
Pulpit Side: curiosity and conviction,
One: So, we come to worship and God meets us here.
Many: **Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen**

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 202

O God How We Have Wandered
PASSION CHORALE

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.

Listening for God in Word, Prayer, and Song

The Voluntary *Capricho Catalan* Isaac Albéniz

The Psalm Psalm 119:137-144

One: The Psalmist speaks.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Hankamer

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness Rev. Hankamer

One: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,
Many: God is merciful.

One: When we fail to be merciful,
Many: God invites us to try again,

One: Again and again,
Many: God moves closer to us.

One: Again and again,
Many: God shows us the way.
One: Thanks be to God for this unending love.
Many: Amen.

*The Hymn (see insert)
(Stanzas 1 & 3)

The Epistle Reading

One: Words to a community who persevered.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation

Return to God, maintain love and justice, and wait for God alway. Glory be to you, O Christ. D.H. Clark

*The Gospel Reading

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *God, let your light guide our way, and your spirit bring us peace. Praise be to you, O Christ.* Luke 19:1-10

The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

Let Justice and Righteousness George Friedrich Handel

Let justice and righteousness roll down like waters of overflowing 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 (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

*Please rise, if able.