

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* Sir John Stainer
from *The Crucifixion*

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

Departing to Respond to God's Love

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer



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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.

The Preludes 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

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) O Come to Me, the Master Said
(Stanzas 1 & 3) KINGSFOLD

The Epistle Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; 11-12
One: Words to a community who persevered.
Many: Thanks be to God.

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

*The Gospel Reading Luke 19:1-10
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.

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

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 (Using “Father” or “God” and “trespasses”)

*Please rise, if able.