

*The Communion Response

**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.**

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

*The Closing Hymn No. 160

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus, the Light of the World)*
ELDERKIN

*The Postlude and Recessional

Festive Rondeau

David Laskey

*The Benediction



**At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
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The Worship of God

January 8, 2023

The First Sunday In Epiphany

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 this morning.

In accordance with Northminster's COVID Guidelines, we recommend that immune-compromised and unvaccinated individuals continue wearing masks during our services.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes

10:45 a.m.

Chorale Preludes on "How Brightly Shone the Morning Star"

J. S. Bach and Johann Pachelbel

In Quiet Mood - Florence Price

Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany - Maurice Duruflé

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

The Minute for Missions

Charles Creech

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

The Call to Worship

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Many: Jesus emerges from the water.

One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

Many: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

One: Jesus is named. Claimed.

Many: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

One: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Many: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Caela Wood, Pastor, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 158 O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Children’s Message Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Anthem Hal Hopson

Thou shalt know Him when He comes, not by any din of drums, not the manner of His airs, nor by anything He wears; not by His crown or His gown, but His coming known shall be by the holy harmony. Thou shalt know Him when He comes.

Anonymous

The Psalm Psalm 2:7-8

One: A message from the Psalmist for us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn No. 168 O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word
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*The Gospel Acclamation D. H. Clark

May the cleansing waters of your promise make us whole as we hear your holy word.

Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-17

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Immersed in your love, and fed by your Word. Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Claimed by God Rev. Hankamer

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (using “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 take your own cup.

The Communion Anthem RENDEZ A DIEU, by Louis Bourgeois

See the Beloved of God’s bright radiance shine as we greet the morning’s dawn. In the birth waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John. Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, “Lo, this is my Beloved Son.” See how in dove-like form the Spirit descends on God’s Anointed Son. “This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased,” says our God. From this assurance of God’s favor Jesus goes to the wilderness. There to endure a time of testing that readied him to teach and bless. So, we, by water and the Spirit baptized into Christ’s ministry, are often led to paths of service through mazes of adversity. Grant us, O God, the strength and courage to live the faith our lips declare; bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ’s royal priesthood help us share. Turn us from every false allegiance, that we may trust in Christ alone: Raise up in us a chosen people transformed by love to be your own.

Carl P. Daw, Jr., alt.

*Please rise, if able.