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 *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Arr. D. H. Clark

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as conquers death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast; such a Feast as mends in length; such a Strength as makes a guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a Heart, as joys in love. – Text: George Herbert, alt.

*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. 23 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*
IN BABILONE

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Sonata K. 380* Domenico Scarlatti

(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 A**dmin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
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

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 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.

Ballade - Claude Debussy
Largo - Patrick Doyle
Prelude - Philippe Rameau
Precious Lord, Take My Hand - Spiritual, arr. Fred Bock

The Chiming of the Hour 11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: The world teaches us to protect ourselves, to guard what is ours, and to trust only what we can control.

Many: But God calls us to lives marked by love and faithfulness.

One: Fear asks, "How do we save ourselves?" God asks, "How will you remain faithful to one another?"

Many: Give us the courage to choose mercy over fear and faithfulness over self-interest.

One: The God we worship is faithful when we falter, merciful when we fail, and steadfast when we lose our way.

Many: Shape us into a people whose lives reflect this steadfast love.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love endures forever.

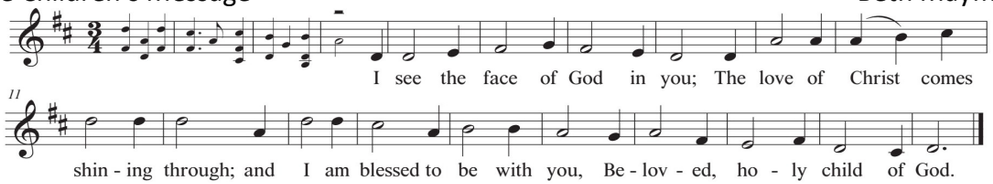
Many: Let us worship God.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 6 *Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good*
(Stanzas 1 – 4) MIT FREUDEN ZART

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Beth Mayfield



The Voluntary *Homebound* Ola Gjeilo

The Psalter Psalm 25



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Response *I Love My God, Who Heard My Cry* SMALLWOOD

*The Hymn No. 414 *Incarnate God, Immortal Love*
(Stanzas 1 – 3) ROCKINGHAM

The Sermon ***Rahab*** Rev. Hankamer
Joshua 2:1-24 and 6:22-25

The Anthem NEUMARK, arr. David Schwoebel

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

If you will only let God guide you, And hope in God through all your ways, Whatever comes God stands beside you, to bear you through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that cannot move. Only be still and wait God's leisure, Wait in cheerful hope, with heart content; To take whatever Jehovah's pleasure, and all discerning love have sent; Nor doubt our inmost wants are known, to God who chose us for God's own. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do your part in conscience true. Trust God's rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in you. God hears the call of those in need, The souls that trust in God indeed.

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

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven, the hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen

-From The New Zealand Prayer Book

**Please rise, if able.*