The Communion Anthem *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread* Hal Hopson

My God, your table now is spread, your cup with love doth overflow; let all your children there be led and let them your sweet mercies know. Drawn by your quick 'ning grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come and gather from their parent's hoard the bread that lives beyond the tomb. Nor let your spreading Gospel rest till through the world your truth has run, till with the bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

*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. 376 *God, We Thank You for Our People*
(Stanzas 1 & 4) HOLY MANNA

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Postlude in B♭* Guy Roparz
(Feel free to be seated following the recession for the postlude, or you may quietly follow the choir)

The floral offering is given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of
Howard Brentlinger
By Pat Hayes and Dawn Sargent

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NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 15, 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 *Variations on a Choral - Jan Petersen Sweelinck* 10:45 a.m.
Andante in D - Felix Mendelssohn
Elegy – George Thalben-Ball

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness bears us along.
Many: When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong, God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.
One: When our family duties distract, and our vision grows fuzzy, God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.
Many: God's faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day and forever more!

*The Processional

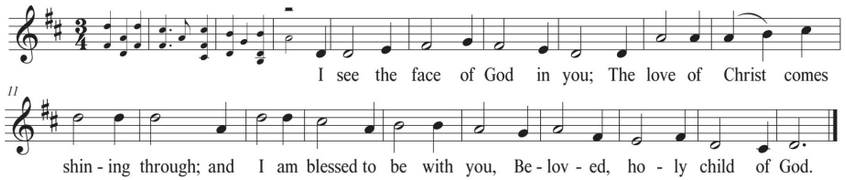
(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 112 *Keep Awake, Be Always Ready*
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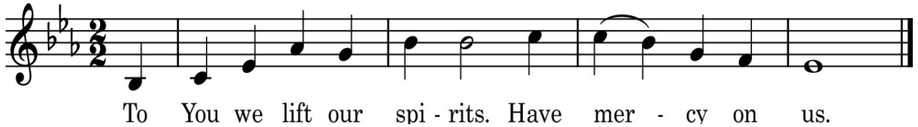
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer



The Voluntary *Amazing Grace* arr. Martha Mier

The Psalter Psalm 123



We lift our hearts to You, You, who are enthroned in every heart! For as a young child holds tightly to a parent, as the sick look to one who brings comfort, so our spirits seek the Heart of Love, that in our distress we might find release, that, when we are lonely, we might find a companion, that when we stray, we might find mercy and forgiveness. (Response) Have mercy on us, O Compassionate One; have mercy, that we might turn from our blind and ignorant ways. Too long our souls have been veiled by fear and illusion. Have mercy on us, O Loving One. Grant us Your infinite mercy, that we may know the abiding peace of the Beloved. (Response) Glory be to God Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen (Response) - paraphrase by Nan Merrill, alt.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response SWEET HOUR

And since I'm bid to seek God's face, believe God's word, and trust God's grace, I'll cast away my every care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.

The Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

One: A reminder that encouraging one another is part of living like Christ.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 565 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
(Stanzas 1 & 2) AUSTRIAN HYMN

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

Through parable Jesus reveals God's truth for the living of these days. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Among the People Matthew 25:14-20

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *Seeds of wisdom sewn through the word of God, flourish in our souls. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *If Not Us, Then Who?* Sheldon Curry

Who will be my servant in the twilight? Who will be my servant in this day? Who will be my voice out in the wilderness? Who will call for meekness? Who will cry for purity? Is there one among you who knows the way? Who will give to others without grieving? Who will serve the leper and the king? Who will clothe the children that I give to you? Who will feed the hungry? Who will heal the painful? Is there one among you who can sing? If not me, if not you, if not us, then who?

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 ntinction (dipping the bread), please use the individual cups.

**Please rise, if able.*