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 Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Naomi Kilpatrick, mezzo soprano

*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. 565 *God, Whose Giving Knows No End*
(Stanzas 1 & 4) AUSTRIAN HYMN

*The Postlude and Recessional *Rejoice, the Lord is King* arr. Kim

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude.)

The floral offering is given to the glory of God
And in honor of the Northminster Flower Committee
By Barbara Thompson

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 **Admin. 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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 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 *Impromptu in G Major* – Franz Schubert 10:45 a.m.
The Quiet American – Craig Armstrong
My Jesus I Love Thee - arr. Marianne Kim

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions Mara Loeb

The Call to Worship

One: Jesus tells us to stop performing our prayers as though God is impressed by how many words we can say.
Many: God already knows what we need.
One: So we pray for bread, not excess, forgiveness, not perfection, God's kingdom, not our own little kingdoms.
Many: Teach us what is enough.
One: And Jesus asks us to look at what we treasure, because whatever we keep piling up will eventually tell us where our hearts have gone.
Many: Turn our hearts toward what lasts.

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

One: Let us lay down our need to impress, our hunger to possess, and our fear of not having enough.

Many: Give us the courage to trust you.

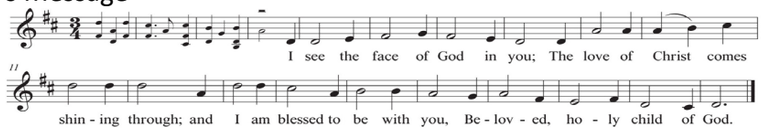
One: Let us worship God.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 66 *O Day of Radiant Gladness*
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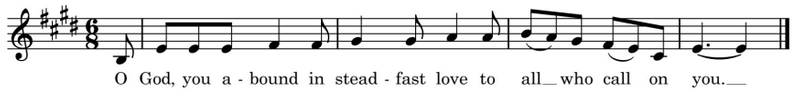
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message



The Voluntary *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON, arr. Good

The Psalter Psalm 86



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ* SURSUM CORDA

*The Hymn (See insert) *Servant Song*
BEACH SPRING

The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

Hear now these words that Jesus spoke in love to those he served. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 6:7-15; 19-21

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: *Forgive, love, and go into the world renewed. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***Forgive Us Our Debts*** Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Langston

God of grace and God of glory on your people pour your power; crown your ancient church's story bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom and courage, for the facing of this hour! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in our work to set all free. Grant us wisdom and courage in the quest for liberty. Amen.

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

Our God in whom we move and live and have our being,
Who is above, below, all around, and within us,
Your name is beautiful.
God reign in our hearts and in our actions.
We thank You for the world you created—for its beauty and knowledge—infuse us with your love—promising eternal life,
Both now and forever.
Feed us all with life-giving sustenance.
Free us from the guilt of our wrongs, as we free those who have wronged us.
Help us avoid the distractions of the material world.
Protect us from dangers of body, heart, mind, and spirit.
We believe these petitions can be so, through your loving grace.
Amen.

An interpretive paraphrase of The Prayer of Jesus by the people of Northminster Church

**Please rise, if able.*