*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. 498 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
CHEREPONI

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *All Systems Go* Horner

(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 **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 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 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 *Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE* - Ralph Vaughan Williams 10:45 a.m.
Four Spirituals from "A Child of Our Time" - arr. Michael Tippett

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: Do not come seeking a God who can be praised while your neighbor is forgotten.
Choir: The Holy One calls us to a love that can be seen – shared bread, honest words, and open hands.
Many: We come to worship the God whose holiness is revealed in the way we love our neighbors.
One: Come with hearts ready for worship and lives ready for service.
Choir: We come to love mercy, seek justice, and honor the dignity of every person.
Many: Let us worship the God who teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
One: With grateful hearts and willing hands, let us worship God.

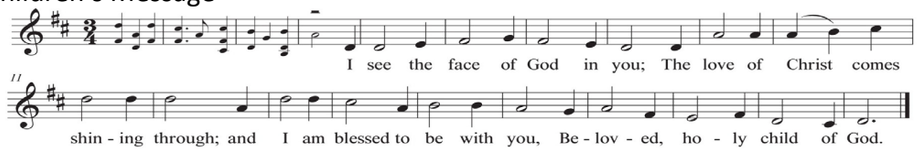
**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 573 *Lead On Eternal Sovereign*
LANCASHIRE
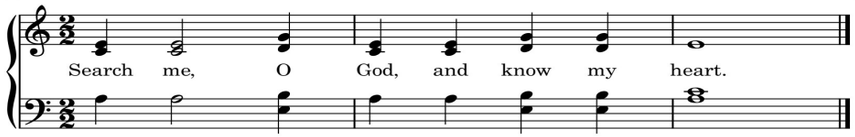
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message



The Voluntary *All Love Can Be* James Horner

The Psalter Psalm 139



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Give Us the Peace* PENTECOST

The Hymn No. 590 *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor*
BENJAMIN

The Sermon ***Loving Your Neighbor and the Stranger*** Rev. Hankamer
Leviticus 19:9-11; 33-37

The Anthem *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* D. H. Clark

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God for God is love. God sent us Christ into the world that we might have life everlasting. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, when we love one another, God abides in us, God's love is made perfect within us. -A*dapted from 1 John 4:7-12

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 Parent, who is among us, blessed be your creation. May your loving presence be a reality here on earth. May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now, than in waiting for it to come down from above. Let us share our bread with those who hunger. Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness. Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil. For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen. -Plymouth Congregational Church UCC, Seattle WA

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 *Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?* Kenney Potter

Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there, and if I lie down in the depths you are there. And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I go to the ends of the earth, even there you will guide me, your hand will hold me fast. Wherever I may be, you are there.

– Based on Psalm 139

**Please rise, if able.*