*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. 379 *Come, We Who Love God's Name*
ST. THOMAS

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Work for the Night is Coming* Arr. Seth Bingham
(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 and celebration of all the
Northminster July Birthdays

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 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* – J. S. Bach 10:45 a.m.
Aria – Andrew Carter
I Need Thee Every Hour & How Can I Keep From Singing - Robt. Lowry, arr. E. Childs

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship
One: Not every party is worth attending. What, then, is worthy of our celebration?
Many: We will celebrate what gives life.
One: The world celebrates power.
Many: We will celebrate compassion.
One: The world celebrates appearances.
Many: We will celebrate humility.
One: The world celebrates spectacle.
Many: We will celebrate faithfulness.
One: Come, let us worship the God who alone is worthy of our praise.
Many: Let us worship God.

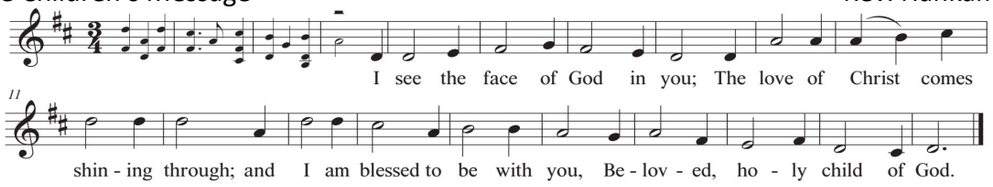
**Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.*

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 18 *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*
CWM RHONDDA

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer



The Voluntary *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

The Psalter Psalm 51



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

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

The Scriptural Interpretation Esther 1:1-22

The Sermon ***Vashti*** Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* William P. Rowan
AUSTIN

Come to me, O weary traveler, come to me with your distress, come to me you heavy burdened, come to me and find rest. Do not fear, my yoke is easy, my burden's light; the path before you, do not run from me in fright. Take my yoke and leave your troubles; come with me, I am beside you, learn humility. Rest in me, O weary traveler and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gentle, rest and cast away your care. ~Text by Sylvia Dunstan based on Matthew 11:28-30

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 From *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

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

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 *Here, O My Lord* Stephen Walters

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; and grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon you lean. We feed upon the bread of God, here drink with you the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone. The bread and wine removed, but you are here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun. – Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

**Please rise, if able.*