

The Communion Anthem *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter  
*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon  
you and give you peace. Amen.* Based on Numbers 6:24

\*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.**

## Departing to Respond to God's Love

\*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 314 *Community of Christ*  
LEONI

\*The Benediction

The Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley



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## The Worship of God The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost August 24, 2025

*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.  
*Concert in D Minor: Adagio - J. S. Bach  
Medley from Rusalka - Antonín Dvořák*

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer  
One: Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.  
**Many: In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.**  
One: In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.  
**Many: In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.**  
One: Be with us as we try to be faithful in large ways and in small ways,  
**Many: so your eternal community may come in every way.**

*\*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. 86

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
LAUDES DOMINI

## Listening for God in Word, Prayer, and Music

The Children's Message

*I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.*

The Voluntary

*Beloved Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

The Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-13

One: A reminder that God is God and we are not.

Many: **Thanks be to God**

\*The Hymn No. 611

*O Day of God Draw Near*  
ST. MICHAEL

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

\*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

*This is good news for the living of these days. Glory be to you, O Christ.*

\*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: *Your word speaks to us this day. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon

***"Spiritual But Not Religious" is Not Enough***  
(Part 1)

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

*God is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
arr. John Ferguson

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech, here, in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, and wine is taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here, the servants seek in worship to explore what it means to believe and to adore. Church and Kingdom in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who can not live without You, we adore You! We believe!

## 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 (see insert)

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 take your own cup.*

*\*Please rise, if able.*