

The Communion Anthem      "Since By Man Came Death"  
From *Messiah*      Handel

\*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 Share the Good News

\*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 231      *Because You Live, O Christ*  
VRUECHTEN

\*The Benediction      Rev. Hankamer

The Postlude

***The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
And in loving memory of  
Bill Kight  
By the Kight Family***



**At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister  
Our Equipping Ministers**

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Jillian Hankamer      **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler  
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**In Memoriam** Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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**The Worship of God  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
Easter Sunday  
April 20, 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.  
*From Messiah-"Worthy is the Lamb" and "Amen" - George F. Handel  
Variations on an Easter Theme (O Filiae et Filii) - John Rutter*

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

The Welcome and Opportunities      Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship      Rev. Hankamer

One: My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss. We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today -

**Many: today we know hope.**

One: Today we know life.

**Many: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**

One: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

**Many: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

One: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.

**Many: Alleluia! Amen!**

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

\*The Opening Hymn No. 233 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*  
EASTER HYMN

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer  
*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.*

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

The Voluntary *Because He Lives* William J. & Gloria Gaither  
Arr. Bill Wolaver

The Call to Confession Rev. Hankamer

### The Prayer of Confession

One: The Gospel of Luke says, "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles of the resurrection. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

**Many: Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voice of our neighbors.**

One: In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like the women at the tomb and like Peter.

**All: Show us how to be messengers of hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.**

### The Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of Faith, at first the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. The women and Peter were the only exceptions. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

**Many: God's face exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between. Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.**

The Psalm Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

One: The Psalmist speaks.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Hymn No. 245 *The Day of Resurrection*  
(Stanzas 1-3) LANCASHIRE

\*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark  
*O my Lord, what a morning! Glory be to you, O Christ.*

\*The Gospel Reading Luke 24:1-12

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

*Choir: Can you hear the trumpet sound? Now Christ is risen from the dead!  
Resurrection comes for all. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Alleluia, For Christ the Lord is Risen* Handel

*Alleluia, for Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Let all the people rejoice! Rejoice and sing praises, Alleluia! Amen!*

-Adapted from *Coronation Anthem No. 1, "Zadok the Priest"* by D.H. Clark

## 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 take your own cup.*

*\*Please rise, if able.*