

The Communion Anthem *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Arr. Virgil Thomson

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream and brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

— Metered text of Psalm 23 by Isaac Watts

\*The Communion Response

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! Amen.

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## Departing to Respond to God's Love

\*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 547  
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5)

Amazing Grace  
AMAZING GRACE

\*The Benediction (Following the Benediction you are invited to join the Postlude Club on the Chancel)

The Postlude Wonderful Words of Life Phillip P. Bliss  
arr. David Hamilton



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In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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## The Worship of God

The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
January 28, 2024

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	Notturno - Ottorino Respighi Prelude in G Sharp Minor - Sergei Rachmaninoff What Wondrous Love Is This - American Folk Hymn, arr. Bill Wolaver	10:45 a.m.
The Chiming of the Hour		11:00 a.m.
The Welcome and Opportunities		Rev. Jillian Hankamer
The Call to Worship		Rev. Hankamer
One:	God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.	
Many:	God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.	
One:	God embraces the wounded and broken.	
Many:	God knocks down the walls of division and strife.	
One:	God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.	
Many:	God is the light of our lives.	
One:	God is the one who makes all things new.	
Many:	Praise be to God, now and forevermore!	-written by Peter K. Perry

\*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)

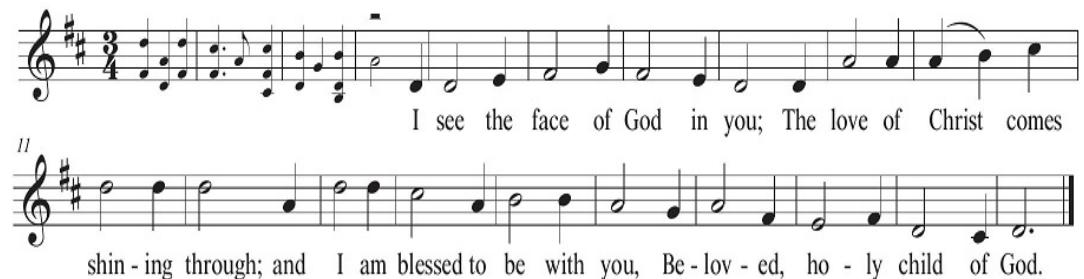
## \*The Opening Hymn No. 6

*Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good*  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Mark 1:29-34

## The Children's Message and Blessing

Rev. Hankamer



I see the face of God in you; The love of Christ comes  
shin-ing through; and I am blessed to be with you, Be-lov-ed, ho-ly child of God.

## Listening for God in Word and Prayer

### The Voluntary

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Adoniram J. Gordon  
arr. Tom Fettke

### The Scripture Reading

One: A word from the Psalmist for us today.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:6-9, 13, 15

### The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

### The Scripture Reading

One: A reminder of God's goodness.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10

### \*The Hymn No. 179

*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*  
PASSION CHORALE

### \*The Gospel Acclamation

*This is the Good News from God this day. Glory be to you, O Christ.*

D.H. Clark

## \*The Gospel Lesson

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: *Listen as God speaks to us this day through these words. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

Mark 1:29-34

## The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

## The Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*

John Rutter

*Be now my vision O Lord of my heart. Be all else but naught to me, save that you art. Be thou my best thought in the day and the night. Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word, I ever with you, and you with me, Lord. Be thou my great parent and I thy true child. Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my strength for the life, be thou my whole armor, be thou my strong might. Be thou my soul's shelter; be thou my strong tower. O raise thou me heavenward, Great Power of my power. Riches I heed not nor life's empty praise. Be thou mine inheritance, now and always. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart. Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. Sovereign of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun. O grant me its joys after victory is won. Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

– Ancient Irish Text, translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne, alt.

## 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 "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.