

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 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. 547 *Amazing Grace*
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5) 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



**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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Celebrating 35 Years of Ministry: 1989 – 2024

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 *Notturmo* - Ottorino Respighi 10:45 a.m.
Prelude in G Sharp Minor - Sergei Rachmaninoff
What Wondrous Love Is This - American Folk Hymn, arr. Bill Wolaver

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

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

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 Psalm 17:6-9, 13, 15
 One: A word from the Psalmist for us today.
Many: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 4:1-6, 9-10

One: A reminder of God's goodness.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 179 *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*
PASSION CHORALE

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark
This is the Good News from God this day. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Lesson Mark 1:29-34

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.

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	John Rutter
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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.*