The Communion Anthem *Bread of the World* David Henne

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed, and be your feast to us the token, that by our grace our souls are fed. Text by Reginald Heber 1827, alt.

*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. 241 *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*
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*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Voluntary for a Festival* Robert Powell

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)



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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God
The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 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 10:45 a.m.

Prelude on O FILII ET FILIAE - Healey Willan
"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" *from Messiah* - George F. Handel, tr. Eleanor Whitsett
Prelude on ODE TO JOY - Beethoven, arr. Whitsett

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer

One: We gather as people on a journey.
Many: We believe and we have doubts; we do good and we make mistakes. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God
One: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

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

Many: We seek forgiveness and grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

One: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

Many: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

One: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

Many: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

Written by Tim Graves

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 243 *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*
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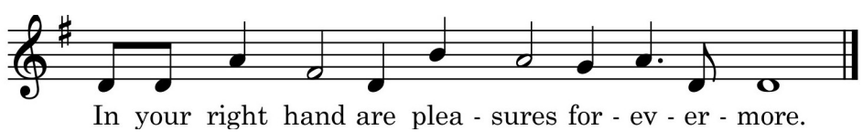
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Susan Curry

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX, arr. Ian Good

The Psalm Psalm 16



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

One: A reminder to remain faithful through good times and bad.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 250 *Listen to Your Savior Call*
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*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

This is Good News from God this day. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

One: The Gospel of the 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 "The Lord is My Shepherd" John Rutter
Requiem

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 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.

**Please rise, if able.*