The Communion Anthem *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. D. H. Clark

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, my God have mercy on me.

*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 No. 547 *Amazing Grace*
AMAZING GRACE

*The Benediction Dr. Cluck

*The Postlude and Recessional *Sortie* Richard Knight

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

The floral offering is given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of Christina Tweet
On the occasion of her birthday
by John and Charlie Carr

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler
Organist/Musician in Residence: Rev. Dr. D.H. Clark **Music Associate:** Dr. Diana Thacher
Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 27, 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, Fugue, and Variation - César Franck
Lotus - Billy Strayhorn

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Dr. Darrell Cluck

The Call to Worship (YAHWEH is the sacred name for God in the Hebrew Scripture) Psalm 25:1-9

Leader: To you, YAHWEH, I lift up my soul.
People: My God, in you I trust;
Leader: Make me to know your ways, YAHWEH; teach me your paths.
People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, YAHWEH, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
People: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness.
Leader: Good and upright is the YAHWEH, instructing sinners in the way.

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

People: **God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble the way.**

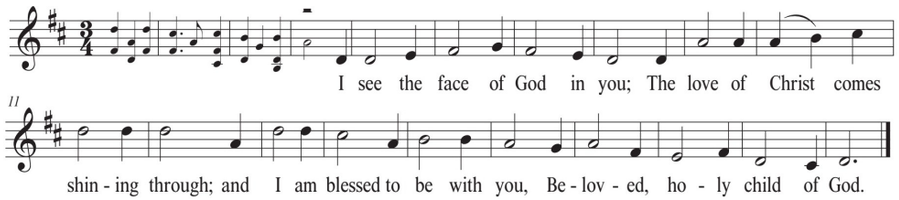
All: **Let us worship the God of mercy and love.**

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 12 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*
ELLACOMBE

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Beth Mayfield



The Voluntary *All Creatures of Our God and King*
from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*

The Psalter Psalm 25



The Pastoral Prayer Dr. Cluck

The Prayer Response *Hear My Prayer* Alexander Kopylov

The Epistle Reading James 1:17-27

One: The Word from the Early Church.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 465 *Teach Me, O Lord, You Holy Way*
(Stanzas 1-3) ROCKINGHAM

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

We live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

One: The Gospel of Grace.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: *Words that sustain us, bread that nourishes our souls. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon ***Unwashed Saints*** Dr. Cluck

The Anthem *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. From Psalm 51:10-13

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.*