

The Communion Anthem *Near to the Heart of God* Ralph Manuel

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot possess, near to the heart of God. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

Text by Cleveland McAfee

*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 *Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?*
(See Insert) BEACH SPRING

*The Benediction

The Postlude *Cebell* Henry Purcell



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The Worship of God
The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 20, 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 10:45 a.m.

*Bénédiction – Camille Saint-Saëns
Prelude on ST. COLUMBA – Henry Ley
The Prayer – Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster*

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: When I think of God’s presence in the world, I am grateful:
Many: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.
One: And when I think of God’s presence in my life, I am humbled:
Many: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.
One: And when I think of God’s presence in this community, I am glad:
Many: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.
One: Thank you all; thank you, God.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 70

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

(Stanzas 1 – 3)ABBOT’S LEIGH

The Children’s Message

Rev. Hankamer



Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

Evening Prayer

Engelbert Humperdinck

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 58

One: The Psalmist speaks.
Many: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn No. 433

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

This is good news for the living of these days. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:43-45

One: The Gospel of our Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.
Choir Your word speaks to us this day. Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God’s light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark. May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark. When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone, may you always remember when the shadows fall, you do not walk alone.

-Traditional Irish Blessing

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; 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.