The Communion Anthem *One Bread, One Body* John Foley, arr. Lloyd Larson

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

*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 Hymn No. 309 *We Are Your People*
WHITFIELD

*The Choir and Congregation Recessional

(Beginning with the back row, please follow the Choir to the new building)

The Building Dedication

*The Prayer of Dedication Dr. Deborah Chandler

*The Scripture Reading Rev. Hankamer

*The Musical Dedication *Northminster Song* Chels King

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude Chels King

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

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Organist/Musician in Residence: Rev. Dr. D.H. Clark **Music Associate:** Dr. Diana Thacher
Choral Intern: Miss Naomi Kilpatrick **Admin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 20, 2026

Covenant Sunday and Building Dedication

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.

Chorale Preludes on "Blessed Jesus, We are Here" - J.S. Bach, Siegfried Karg-Elert, and Richard Purvis
Now as We Journey - Marcel Dupre
Prelude on ROCKINGHAM - William Lloyd Webber

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship Rev. Hankamer

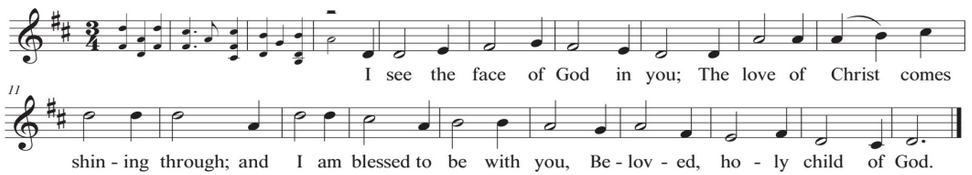
*The Processional (*Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)*

*The Opening Hymn (see insert) *Sing Te Deum Laudamus*
NORTHMINSTER TE DEUM

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

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer
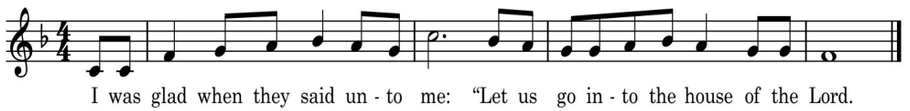
The Children's Message



*The Reaffirmation of the Covenant (See Insert)

The Voluntary *Petit Canon* Nadia Boulanger

The Psalter Psalm 122



*The Historical Litany (See Insert)

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Amen* Robert Moore

The Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-14

One: A reminder that love should always be our default setting.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

"A new covenant I give you that my law of love be written on your hearts."
Says the word of God. Glory be to You, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *God's boundless love and grace, a new covenant is freely given for all.*
Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *They Did Not Build in Vain* Alfred V. Fedak

They did not build in vain who founded here a church as witness to God's love amid a world of pain; they built upon the rock that is the risen Lord, the one foundation laid that stands each earthly shock. Those who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses surround and urge us on as we now run our race; though the horizon's bend conceals the way ahead, the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end. In every place our world is storm and tempest tossed, the flames of fear and hate are evil's flags unfurled; yet still the Spirit's power in wind and fire of love pours gifts upon the church for service in this hour. Make this the meeting place where doubt finds grounds of faith, where hurt finds healing love, our penitence your grace; where God in Trinity is bridge from death to life, from sin to holiness, time to eternity.

Text by Alan Luff

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.*