*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 *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*
From All That Dwell Below the Skies
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part, sing your praises,alleluia! To you we lift our pain and care, receive the burdens that we bear, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal are your mercies God; your truth stands ever high and broad: Alleluia! Alleluia! Your praise shall sound from shore to shore til suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Trumpet Tune* David German

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

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:** Mr. Justin Havard
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 Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 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 *Andante cantabile* — Josef Jongen 10:45 a.m.
Folk Song — Percy Whitlock
Andante sostenuto — Charles Marie Widor

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

The Call to Worship Rev. Jillian Hankamer

One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to do justice.
Many: God, here we are! All glory belongs to you.
One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to cherish kindness.
Many: God, here we are! From you all good things come.
One: We gather to worship the God who calls us to journey humbly side-by-side with Them.
Many: God, here we are! Give us all that we need to follow where you guide us.

The Introit ELLACOMBE

All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care. Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

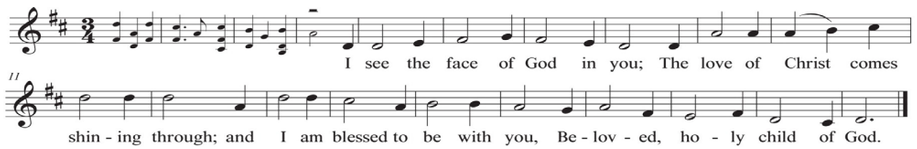
*Please rise, if able, in body or in spirit.

*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



The Voluntary *Take My Life and Let It Be* F. Havergal, arr. G. Howlett

The Psalter Psalm 17



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Prayer Response *Kyrie Eleison* *(Lord Have Mercy)*

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

The Sermon ***What Does the Lord Require of You?*** Rev. Hankamer
Micah 6:6-15; 7:1-7

The Anthem O *For a Closer Bond With God* D.H. Clark

O for a closer bond with God, a calm and heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads us to the Lamb. Return sweet messenger of peace. Forgive our sins and help us learn in Christ to find release. The dearest idols we have known as we our ways pursue, help us to tear them from your throne and worship only You. So shall our bond be close with God, so calm and sweet our frame, a purer light to shine upon the road that leads us to the Lamb. -William Cowper, 1769, 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

Holy God of the universe, as expansive as all there is and as close to each of us as our breaths, with reverence we acknowledge your many names, with love we praise your unconditional grace, with devotion we seek to be agents of your compassion, with gladness we join your ongoing work of creation, and with praise we share in your ministry of mercy. Your divine presence among us evokes our desire for the lasting peace that is your will. With gratitude for the many gifts of multifaceted sustenance you give, we seek a world in which all people will have food to eat and clean water to drink. Mother and Father God, you bless us with your mercy for imperfect people and empower us to build a blessed community. To you alone, Holy One, with highest praise, we give you our minds, hearts, bodies, words and deeds—our all forever. Amen. – Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy

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.

The Communion Anthem *Offertory* John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come with burnt offerings, shall I come with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you the way and what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? ~ text from Micah 6:6-8

**Please rise, if able.*