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 *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.

*The Closing Hymn (See insert) *We Sing of Faithful Women*
ELLACOMBE

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Finale Jubilante* Willan

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

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 7, 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.

Intermezzo - Healey Willan
O God, Our Faithful God and Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness - Johannes Brahms
Great is Thy Faithfulness - arr. Marianne Kim

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship the God who meets people in the midst of complicated stories.
Many: We come to worship the God who sees us as we are.
One: Sarah knew longing, disappointment, and fear. Hagar knew vulnerability, injustice, and exile.
Many: Yet God remained present to both.

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

One: God heard the cries of the forgotten and did not abandon those who had lost their way.

Many: God is still listening. God is still calling.

One: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy is greater than our failures and whose love reaches beyond every wilderness.

Many: Let us worship God.

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 28 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
DIX

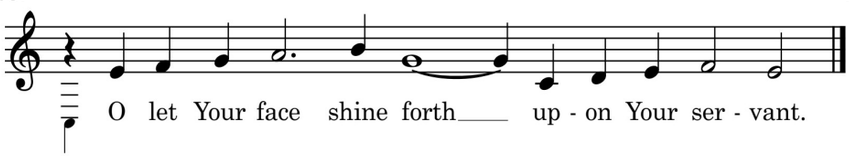
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Ann Aro

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 *Prelude No. 10* Felix Blumenfeld

The Psalter Psalm 31



The Prayer of Confession

God of Sarah and Hagar, we confess that we know this story because we keep living it. We live in a world shaped by unequal power, and too often we accept it as normal. We benefit from systems that protect some while burdening others. We look away from suffering that is not our own and remain silent when courage is required. Like Sarah, we know how fear and desperation can lead us to harm others. Like Hagar, we know what it is to be overlooked, dismissed, or pushed aside. Forgive us when we fail to recognize the dignity of your children. Forgive us when we choose comfort over justice and silence over compassion. Disturb our indifference. Disrupt our complacency. Teach us to use whatever power we have for the good of others. For you are the God who did not abandon Sarah, even in her fear, her failures, and the harm she caused. You are the God who saw Hagar in the wilderness and heard the cries others ignored. By your mercy, lead us toward lives marked by justice, courage, and compassion. Amen.

The Assurance of Grace

One: The God who saw Hagar in the wilderness and did not abandon Sarah in her failure sees us still.

Many: In God's mercy, we are forgiven, restored, and called to a better way.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture Genesis 16:1-16

One: A story of the Hebrew Bible.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn (See insert) *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*
NETTLETON

The Sermon ***Sarah and Hagar*** Rev. Hankamer
Genesis 21:8-21

The Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings. All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all. The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Words by Mrs. C. F. Alexander (1823-95), 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 (Using "Father" or "God" and "trespasses")

**Please rise, if able.*