

*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 No. 82

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
AR HYD Y NOS

*The Benediction

The Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Melchior Teschner

***The floral offering is given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of Dr. Thomas McVea Higginbotham
By the Scott Higginbotham Family***



**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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The Worship of God The Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

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.
	<i>Canto for the End of Summer - Gwyneth Walker</i>	
	<i>Songs Without Words, Op. 19, 1-3 - Felix Mendelssohn</i>	
The Chiming of the Hour		11:00 a.m.
The Welcome and Opportunities		Rev. Jillian Hankamer
The Call to Worship		Rev. Hankamer Chels King
The Processional	<i>(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)</i>	

*The Opening Hymn No. 18

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer
CWM RHONDDA

Listening for God in Word, Prayer and Music

The Children's Message

Rev. Hankamer

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

Chels King

The Scripture Reading

Acts 5:12-16

Leader: A story of the early church.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading

Romans 6:5-11

Leader: A reminder of life in Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 312

We Love Your Realm, O God
ST. THOMAS

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

This is good news from God this day. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:23-33

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Listen as God speaks to us this day through these words. Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. Lord of all to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

-Words by F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

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 take your own cup.

The Communion Meditation

In Remembrance of Me

Beryl Red

In remembrance of me eat this bread, drink this wine: pray for the time when God's own will is done. Heal the sick, feed the poor and open the door to let the stranger in. Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember too that this is my body and precious life shared with you. Search for truth, always love, don't look above, but in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

**Please rise, if able.*