The Communion Anthem *When Jesus Wept* WHEN JESUS WEPT

*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 No. 241 *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*
PEUR NOBIS NASCITUR

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Postlude on OLIVET* Seth Bingham
(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
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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8

NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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.

Spring Images 1 & 2 – Arvo Pärt
Prelude in A minor – Jean-Philippe Rameau
Be Thou Humble/How Sweet Is the Work - arr. Marvin Goldstein

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions Missy Spicer

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

*The Gospel Call to Worship John 11:1-11

Leader: A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. This was the same Mary who massaged the Lord's feet with aromatic oils and then wiped them with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So, the sisters sent word to Jesus,

People: "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."

Leader: When Jesus got the message, he said,

Choir: "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Son."

Leader: Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but oddly, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days. After the two days, he said to his disciples,

People: "Let's go back to Judea."

Leader: The disciples responded, "Rabbi, you can't do that. The Jews are out to kill you, and you're going back?" And Jesus replied,

Choir: "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in daylight doesn't stumble because there's plenty of light from the sun. Walking at night, he might very well stumble because he can't see where he's going."

Leader: Jesus said these things, and then announced,

People: "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. I'm going to wake him up."

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 251 *I Greet You, Sure Redeemer*
(Stanzas 1-3) TOULON

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

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 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers, arr. Fred Bock

The Psalm Psalm 31:1-8

*The Gospel Reading Continued John 11:12-32

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn No. 42 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
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*The Gospel Reading Concludes John 11:33-44

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: T**hanks be to God.**

The Sermon ***Resurrection Life*** Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *I Want to Be Ready* Spiritual

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.*