The Communion Anthem — *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face*
Warren Swenson

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon you lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven; taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. I have no help but yours nor do I need another arm to lean upon; it is enough, my Lord indeed; my strength is in your might alone. This is the hour of banquet and song; let feasting still prolong this hour of fellowship with you. Mine is the sin, but yours the righteousness; mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing love. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; your love, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Text - Horatius Bonar 1808-1889

*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. 337 — *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*
UNION SEMINARY

*The Benediction — Rev. Hankamer

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

*The Postlude and Recessional — *Postlude in Bb* — Guy Roparz

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NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

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 — *Prelude on ST. COLUMBA – Henry Ley*, *Andantino – Louis Vierne*, *Premier Nocturne – Francis Poulenc*, *Prelude on DUNDEE - Ley* — 10:45 a.m.

The Chiming of the Hour — 11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities — Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions — Missy Spicer

The Call to Worship

One: God who is One, you call us to be one.
Many: May we be one with all who are made in Your image.
One: God who is Three, You call us to be community.
Many: May we find community with all who are called by Your name.
One: God who calls us all by Your name,
Many: may find our place in Your eternal family.

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

One: We unite with all of our siblings in Christ.
Many: We unite with all who are joined by the spirit of God.
One: We unite with all followers from every church and congregation.
Many: We unite with all of God's children, all of God's creation!
Thanks be to God!

*The Processional (*Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)*
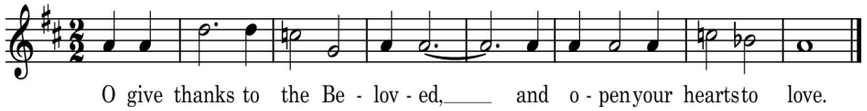
*The Opening Hymn No. 495 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
BEECHER

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Update from Cuba Rev. Eduardo Gonzalez

The Voluntary *My Jesus I Love Thee* J. Gordon, arr. G. Austin

The Psalter Psalm 105



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Gonzalez

The Prayer Response *Hear My Prayer* Alexander Kopylov

The Epistle Reading Philippians 3:4-14
One: The words of Paul speaking in a desire to embody the Christ.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Hymn No. 448 *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*
VIENNA

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark
Be still, O soul, our God is on our side. God's word comforts and guides us.
Glory be to You, O Christ.
*The Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-46

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
Many: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: *God's word be our stay in life's tempests and gales. Praise be to You, O Christ.*

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *Cantique de Jean Racine* Gabriel Fauré
On this your holy light of the earth and the day, we kneel in adoration, O Savior. Turn on us Your loving eye. Send down on us the fire of Your grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illuminating that we may waken Your mercy to tell! O Christ bestow Your blessing on us, we implore You, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant unto Your everlasting glory and these Your gifts we return unto You.

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.*