

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion
The Prayer of Jesus (Using “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
Sarah Talmage, clarinet

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.

*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. 459 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*
NETTLETON

*The Benediction

The Postlude *Toccata in d* Gaston Bélier

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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Celebrating 35 Years of Ministry: 1989 – 2024

The Worship of God
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

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.

*Concerto in D Minor: Adagio - J. S. Bach
Joy - Gwyneth Walker
Songs without Words - Felix Mendelssohn
Thou Fount of Every Blessing - arr. Philip Keveren*

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: Christ has risen!

Many: Christ has risen indeed!

Pulpit Side: God is alive...

Lectern Side: new birth is given.

Pulpit Side: Hope is alive...

Lectern Side: a new age is dawning.

Pulpit Side: Joy is alive...

Lectern Side: redemption is here.

Pulpit Side: Love is alive...

Lectern Side: death cannot harm us.

Pulpit Side: We are alive...

Lectern Side: new life is within us.

Pulpit Side: The church is alive...

Lectern Side: God’s spirit is within us.

One: God of life, we worship you.

Many: God of creation, we praise you.

One: God of revelation, we learn from you.

ALL: God of resurrection, we are here to celebrate you.

-Written by Wheadon United Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois

The Processional

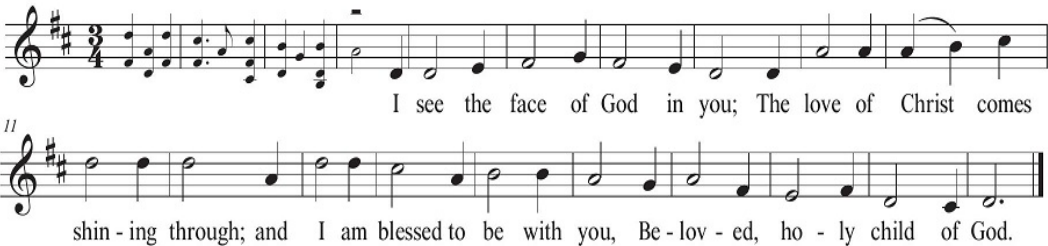
(Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row)

*The Opening Hymn No. 277

Holy, Holy, Holy
NICAEA

The Children’s Message

Rev. Hankamer



I see the face of God in you; The love of Christ comes
shin - ing through; and I am blessed to be with you, Be - lov - ed, ho - ly child of God.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

Aria

Andrew Carter

The Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:20-23

Leader: A reminder to love one another.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

*The Hymn (See Insert)

The Summons
KELVINGROVE

(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

The Gospel Acclamation

D. H. Clark

Through these ancient words the Spirit speaks to us today. Glory be to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Good news for the people of God. Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Eduardo Gonzalez

The Anthem

Prayer of Teresa of Avila

Kenneth Lowenberg

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which compassion will look upon the world; yours are the feet with which Christ will go about doing good; yours are the hands with which Christ will bless others now.

- A Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila, Spain (1515-1582)

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.

*Please rise, if able.