

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 Music *Holberg Suite: Mvt. IV* Edvard Grieg

- *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. 547 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
AMAZING GRACE
- *The Benediction
- The Postlude *Holberg Suite: Mvt. I* Edvard Grieg

***The floral offering is given to the Glory of God
And in Celebration of the Birthday of
Mary Sadow***

**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 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 14, 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.
*Carillon Prelude - Morning Has Broken - arr. Ennis Fruhauf
Chorale Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN - J. S Bach
Psalm Prelude on Ps. 34 - Herbert Howells
Reflection on “There is a Balm in Gilead” - Edwin Childs*
- The Chiming of the Hour 11:00 a.m.
- The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: Quiet your mind, still your restlessness. Come before God.

Many: Like a bird that lights on a branch, we come to the place of God.

One: Warm you heart, stir up your spirit. Come before God.

Many: Like the flame dancing on a candle’s wick, we come to the dance of God.

One: Open your hands, meet the eyes of your neighbors. Come before God.

Many: Like snowflakes falling on a winter night, beautiful alone, deep when gathered, we fall into the presence of God.

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 21

God Reigns o’er All the Earth

TERRA BEATA

The Children’s Message

Rev. Hankamer

The musical notation is for a hymn in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'I see the face of God in you; The love of Christ comes' are written below the first staff. The second staff begins with a double bar line and a repeat sign, followed by a series of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'shin - ing through; and I am blessed to be with you, Be - lov - ed, ho - ly child of God.' are written below the second staff.

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Voluntary

Vuggesang

Edvard Grieg

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 69:10-20

One: The Psalmist speaks to us today.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Hankamer

Here we are again, God with all that makes us who we are, all that fills our lives; carrying into this holy space the burdens we can’t seem to lay down. Some of us puzzle over ethical dilemmas, while others ponder unresolved memories. Some of us

wrestle with unsought passions, while others lament coldness of heart. Some of us struggle to love and accept others. Each of us has fallen short of your call to deep love and full faithfulness in our relationships. So we come seeking your grace. Renew us by your transforming Spirit. Lead us forward into newness of life as those who share with Christ in living and dying; for in Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

One: Scripture tells us that we are made in the image of God. God loves us through and through, all in all. Praise God for the Breath of Life and the Spirit who is willing to fill and change our lives. You are forgiven. Be at peace.

Many: You are forgiven, be at peace.

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

Hear now these words that Jesus spoke in love to those he served. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-35

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choir Forgive, love, and go into the world renewed. Praise be to You, O Christ.

The Sermon

Letting It Go?

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

There is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson

James Wright, bass

There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, to heal the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

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.