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 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! Amen.

*The Closing Hymn (See insert)

Earth and All Stars
DEXTER

*The Postlude and Recessional

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Arr. Phillip Keveren

*The Benediction (Unison)

This is my wish for you: Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, love to complete your life.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister Our Equipping Ministers

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The Worship of God January 1, 2023

The First Sunday After Christmas

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 this morning.

In accordance with Northminster's COVID Guidelines, we recommend that immunecompromised and unvaccinated individuals continue wearing masks during our services.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes 10:45 a.m.

Berceuse - Georges Delbrück
Murmuring Wind - Adolf Jensen
Angelus - Jules Massenet

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

The Call to Worship

Leader: People of the world, it is time to celebrate new beginnings.

People: We step into the new year with faith!

Leader: People of faith, it is time to look ahead in hope.

People: We step into the unknown with hope!

Leader: People of hope, it is time to walk in the way of the Lord.

People: We step forward together as God's family!

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 417

This is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Darrell Cluck

The Voluntary Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Phillip Keveren

The Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

One: A word to the wise. Many: Thanks be to God.

The Litany for the New Year

Dr. Cluck

Leader: God, in the past year

People: we have been tested and tried.

Leader: We have been given joys and pains in their measure,

People: laughter and sadness in their measure.

Leader: And now we look forward into a new year,

People: a new stretch of our journey,

Leader: knowing that not everything will be easy;

People: joy and pain, laughter and sadness, will meet us in turn.

Leader: Help us to live this year with intention,

People: with compassion,

Leader: with attention,

People: with assertiveness,

Leader: with kindness toward all (even ourselves),

People: with purpose,

Leader: with calm,

People: with gratitude.

Leader: And whatever storms we must navigate,

People: whatever roads we must travel,

Leader: be present with us.

People: Speak to us of your mercy;

Leader: speak to us of your love,

People: that we may in turn speak mercy and love into being

Leader: in this world

People: and in this year.

*The Hymn No. 433

In the Bulb There is a Flower

II Corinthians 5:16-21

PROMISE

The Scripture Reading

One: A word to the Church.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Now for Something Really New

Dr. Cluck

The Anthem

SUSSEX CAROL, arr. D.H. Clark

Soul, plucking many strings of our limbs like puppets, make them dance, dance, dance, in sombre joy that after the sullen play, the old world falls away. this day we dance in sombre joy, Old worlds fall and the new world forms. A thought like music takes us now, So like that every soul must move, move in a stately measure now, and souls and bodies tread in time till all the trembling towers fall, Old worlds fall and the new world forms. And now the stones arise again till all the world is built anew. And now in one accord like rhyme, and we who wound the midnight clock, now hear the clock of morning chime. Old worlds fall and the new world forms.

Pavane for the New Year by Elder James Olson, December 1948, alt.

*Please rise, if able.