

The Communion Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY
Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. John Leavett

Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine and visit it with your own ardor glowing. O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn till worldly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight. Clothe me round, the while my path illumining. And so, the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out-pass the power of human telling. No soul can guess God's grace till it becomes the place where in the Holy Spirit makes God's dwelling.

-Text Bianco da Siena; Tr. Richard Littledale, alt

*The Communion Response

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. 282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
African-American spiritual

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Final Variation on VENI CREATOR

Duruflé



At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8



The Worship of God

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 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.

Eternal Spirit of the Living God (ADORO TE) – Charles Callahan

Come Down, O Love Divine (DOWN AMPNEY) – Robert Hobby

Adagio and Choral Variations on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS – Maurice Duruflé

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Revs. Hankamer and Clark

Jillian: The wind at our backs, we entered Jerusalem.

D.H.: Only to watch him die on the cross.

Jillian: It spiraled so quickly.

D.H.: Trial. Torture. Crucifixion. Death.

Jillian: But on the third day, the breath of God blew new life into our futures.

D.H.: Forty days with the risen Jesus.

Jillian: Before He ascended, Jesus reminded us that the Spirit would come. It was on Pentecost.

D.H.: It was on Pentecost when the wind breathed into every one of us.

Jillian: On this Pentecost morning, may sacred breath move through this room.

D.H.: Unlock a song within your people.

Jillian: Breathe into us your hopes and dreams for a world filled with justice, love, and peace. Amen.

The Processional

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

***The Opening Hymn No. 267**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
EBENEZER

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

Letzter Frühling

Edvard Grieg

The Scripture Reading

One: The Psalmist speaks to us today.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading

One: A reminder that we are children of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 8:14-17

*The Hymn No. 270

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
BRIDEGROOM

The Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-17

One: A word from the early church that speaks to us today.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Preparing for Pentecost

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

Let Your Holy Presence Come Upon Us

Pavel Tchesnokov

arr. Hal Hopson

Let your holy presence come upon us, we pray. O loving spirit, come dwell among us; show your truth and love, O Lord! Alleluia.

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 "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.

**Please rise, if able.*