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.

The Communion Anthem *Kyrie* Francisco Tárrega
Adapted by D. H. Clark

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. 495 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*
BEECHER

*The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Guantanamera* Pete Seeger
(Following the Choir’s recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)

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 A**dmin. Assistant:** Ms. Renee Decker
In Memoriam Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy, Senior Pastor 1992-2016

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Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with God. MICAH 6:8
NORTHMINSTER Church

The Worship of God

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
CUBA SUNDAY
June 28, 2026

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 Music by Cuban Composers 10:45 a.m.

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: Jesus said,

Many: “Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

One: The gospel has never been a bargain for comfort.

Choir: It is a call. A disruption. A reordering of our loyalties.

One: Christ calls us beyond fear, beyond self-preservation, beyond the easy peace that asks nothing of us.

Many: Christ calls us into lives marked by courage, hospitality, and costly love.

One: So, leave behind whatever keeps you from following.

Choir: Bring your questions. Bring your hopes. Bring your whole self.

Many: The living Christ is here.

One: Let us worship God.

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

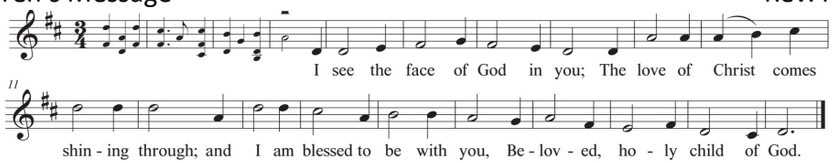
The Introit *Our Voices* Heber Romero

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

*The Opening Hymn *Come Worship God* Latin American Folk Hymn
(See insert) English text: D.H. Clark
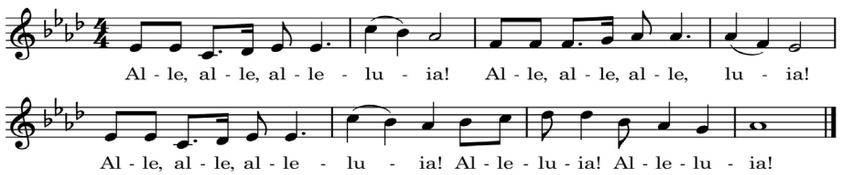
Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Rev. Hankamer



The Voluntary Justin Havard

The Psalter Psalm 131



The Prayer of Confession

God of truth, Jesus calls us to follow him, yet we confess how often we choose the easier way. We stay quiet when someone is treated unfairly because we do not want to make things uncomfortable. We avoid hard conversations because we are afraid of what they might cost us. We tell ourselves that someone else will speak up, someone else will help, someone else will take the risk. We confess that we are often more concerned with being liked than being faithful. We welcome those who are easy to welcome and keep our distance from those who ask more of us. We give when it costs us little and hold back when kindness, justice, or generosity require something more. Forgive us. Give us the courage to tell the truth in love, to stand with those who are vulnerable, and to choose faithfulness over convenience. Teach us to follow Christ not only when it is easy, but also when it is costly. Amen.

The Response *If I Have Wounded Any Soul Today* C. Maud Batterby

The Assurance of Grace

One: Friends, hear the good news: God does not leave us where we are.
Many: By grace we are forgiven, renewed, and called forward.
One: Thanks be to God

*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 10:34-42

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **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 ***The Sword That Unites*** Rev. Eduardo Gonzalez

The Anthem *Justice, Peace, and Love* D. H. Clark

Through justice, peace, and love, united together we have the power to change the world. God has called us, graced us in love to bring about change. We are one family. Our hearts are beating as one because of God's love for us. God's light shines on us, and it shows us the way toward freedom through justice, peace, and love. Together we can bring about a better world. God's peace will come at last. Our hands and hearts now are joined as one. Our love has built a bridge across the vast gulf that has so long divided. Love unites us, God's love and love we have for each other. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Together we can bring about a better world. God's peace will come at last.

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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.*