

The Communion Anthem *Near to the Heart of God* Ralph Manuel

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot possess, near to the heart of God. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God. There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

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*The Communion Response

LAASST 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. 252

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
BRADBURY

The Benediction

Dr. Cluck

*The Postlude and Recessional

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON, arr. Ian Good

(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)



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The Worship of God

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 *Impromptu in A-flat Major* - Franz Schubert 10:45 a.m.

Duo Tramanti - Ludivico Einaudi

Here's One - Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

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

The Welcome and Opportunities JK Kimball

The Call to Worship From Psalm 116 `Rev. Dr. Darrell Cluck

Leader: I love the Lord because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: **Because the Lord inclined an ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live.**

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

People: **Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

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

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?
People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.
People: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of God's faithful ones.
Leader: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.
Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people,
People: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
All: Praise the Lord!

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 55 *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*
MARION

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message *I see the face of God in you; the love of Christ comes shining through, and I am blessed to be with you, beloved, holy child of God.* Ann Aro

The Voluntary *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON, arr. Ian Good

The Old Testament Reading *Joshua 24:14-22*
Leader: The Scripture speaks.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer Dr. Cluck

*The Hymn No. 42 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
AZMON

*The Gospel Acclamation *The risen Christ speaks to us this day. Glory be to you, O Christ.* D.H. Clark

*The Gospel Reading *John 6:56-69*
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Choir *Words of resurrection and healing for our souls. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

The Sermon *Zombies, Vampires, and Jesus* Dr. Cluck

The Anthem *A Jubilant Song* Allen Pote
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad; let the heavens be filled with joy. Sing alleluia to the Lord. Tell of God's salvation from day to day. Shout God's marvelous works among the people, for great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born, from age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your kingdom. We shall rejoice all the days of our lives. -A. P., based on Psalm 90, 96

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 "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.

**Please rise, if able.*