

*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 Recognition of 2025 Graduates

The Presentation of Bibles

Rev. Hankamer

Prince Addo, Kwabena Addy, Angela Boateng,
Ella Mayfield, James Wright, Elias Cross

Departing to Respond to God's Love

*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 573

Led On Eternal Sovereign
LANCASHIRE

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Toccata on "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Seth Bingham



**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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

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.

*Preludes on MARTYRDOM and GIBBONS SONG 24 – Healey Willian
Marziale and Adagio in E – Frank Bridge*

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

Rev. Hankamer

One: Today is a new day!

**Many: We come with the past behind us, and the future open. We come
to celebrate the new life Christ brings.**

One: Christ is with us!

Many: Christ is with us indeed!

The Processional

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 6

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Listening for God in Word, Prayer and Music

The Children's Message

Rev. Hankamer

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.

The Voluntary

Prelude on ST COLUMBA

Willan

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-7

Leader: The Psalmist speaks.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Hankamer

The Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: A story of salvation through unwavering faith.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 250

Listen to Your Savior Call
ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

*The Gospel Acclamation

D.H. Clark

This is good news for the living of these days. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

John 11:17-44

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Your word speaks to us this day. Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

"Lord if you had been here..."

Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem

Where Shall I Go From Your Spirit?

Kenney Potter

Where shall I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there, and if I lie down in the depths you are there. And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I go to the ends of the earth, even there you will guide me, your hand will hold me fast. Wherever I may be, you are there.

– Based on Psalm 139

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 take your own cup.

The Communion Anthem

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

-Old English Prayer

**Please rise, if able.*