*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. 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*
DEO GRACIAS

The Benediction Rev. Hankamer

*The Postlude and Recessional *Marche Triomphale* Paul Fey
(Following the Choir's recession, you may quietly follow or be seated until the conclusion of the postlude)

The floral offering is given to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of
Mary Margaret Nagely Sandow
By her Family



At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jillian Hankamer **Director of Music:** Rev. Dr. Deborah Chandler
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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 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
May 17, 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 *Solemn Melody – Walford Davies* 10:45 a.m.
Prelude on DEO GRACIAS – Healey Willan
Folk Tune – Percy Whitlock
O Clap Your Hands – Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

The Welcome and Opportunities Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Call to Worship

One: From comfortable news, from tricycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TV's,
Many: God gathers us in to give us the words to proclaim the gospel.
One: At kitchen sinks, at laptops, and blackboards, at nursing stations:
Many: Christ calls us to share in serving all creation.
One: In communities gathered to pray, in memories of those who served, in families grilling in the backyard,
Many: The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy. Written by Thom Shuman

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

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

*The Opening Hymn No. 257 *Alleluia! Gracious Jesus*
HYFRYDOL

Listening for God in Word, Music, and Prayer

The Children's Message Susan Curry

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 *Chant Donné* Maurice Duruflé

The Psalter Psalm 68



The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The Epistle Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

One: Words about the importance of resistance in the face of challenges.
Many: Thanks be to God.

*The Hymn No. 459 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*
NETTLETON

*The Gospel Acclamation D.H. Clark

Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts, fall fresh on us in the word of God. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading John 17:1-11

One: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
Choir: Listen! The Spirit is speaking to us this festival day! Praise be to you, O Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing?* John Carter

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation I hear the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior Jesus liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to my hope I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his. How can I keep from singing? Through all the tumult and strife I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

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.

The Communion Anthem *Peace I Leave With You* Walter L. Pelz

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

**Please rise, if able.*