

\*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.**

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

## Departing to Respond to God's Love

\*The Closing Hymn and Recessional No. 257

*Alleluia! Gracious Jesus*  
HYFRYDOL

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

arr. Tedd Smith  
Traditional



**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 Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 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      *Sonatine* - Maurice Ravel      10:45 a.m.

*I Love to Tell the Story* - William Fischer, arr. Robin Thomas  
*Suite Bergamasque: Prelude* - Claude Debussy

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

The Welcome and Opportunities      Rev. Jillian Hankamer

The Minute for Missions      Laura Duke, Missy Spicer

The Call to Worship      Rev. Hankamer

One: Dear friends, if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

**Many: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

**Many: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.**

One: If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

**Many: Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

One: Come here, children of the Eternal!

**Many: To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

Written by Rev. Quentin Chin

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

\*The Opening Hymn No. 22 Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped  
LOBE DEN HERREN

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.*

## Listening for God in Word, Prayer and Music

The Voluntary Semplice Gwyneth Walker

The Psalm Psalm 30  
Leader: The Psalmist speaks.  
People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hankamer

The New Testament Reading Acts 9:1-6  
Leader: The beginning of a miraculous conversion story.  
People: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn No. 44 Beautiful Jesus  
(Stanza 1: Choir Only; 2-4 All) SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

\*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 John 21:1-19  
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 Rev. Hankamer

The Anthem With A Voice of Singing Martin Shaw  
*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even  
unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered the people, Alleluia. O be joyful  
in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of God's name, make God's praises  
to be glorious. With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, 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.*

The Communion Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell  
*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met  
together, thou art in the midst of them. Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.  
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the  
Giver, break the bread and bless the cup. Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up. All  
our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that by caring, helping,  
giving, we may true disciples be. We will serve thee faithfully. Alleluia!*

*Text: Percy Dearmer, alt*

*\*Please rise, if able.*