

The Communion Anthem *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams
From *Five Mystical Songs* arr. DH Clark
Come my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way as gives us breath, such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life as conquers death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light as shows a feast, such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes a guest. Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy as none can move, such a Love, as none can part, such a Heart as joys in love. – Text: George Herbert

*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.**

Sending to Respond to God’s Word

*The Invitation to Respond Claire Helton

*The Hymn of Response, No. 593 Lift Every Voice and Sing
LIFT EVERY VOICE

*The Recessional and Closing Voluntary

*The Benediction Claire Helton



At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister
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The Worship of God
January 26, 2020
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preparing for Worship

Welcome to worship at Northminster Church.

We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As the preludes are offered, all are invited to apply our attention to preparation for worship. At this time, please silence all electronic devices.

Whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us this morning.

As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us—in their joy and sadness, their need and their plenty—let us enter into the realization that this hour provides for us an opportunity to encounter the Holy in the presence of this community of faith. We invite all to listen, pray and focus in preparation for the fullest possible experience of worship together.

The Preludes	10:45 a.m.
The Chiming of the Hour	11:00 a.m.

Gathering for Worship

The Welcome and Call to Worship

Zachary and Claire Helton

One: We gather as those seeking the Kingdom of God,
Many: aware that the Kingdom is ever at hand.
One: We gather as those seeking a society of peace,
Many: aware that true peace is never achieved through violence.
One: We gather as those seeking a society free of discrimination,
Many: aware that we can discriminate against no one in building such a society.
One: We gather as those seeking a society of equity,
Many: aware that equity must be a means as well as an end.
One: We gather as those seeking a society of love.
Many: aware that this begins by treating one another as beloved.
One: If we can build such a society, then we will have achieved the ultimate goal of human freedom.
All: May the Kingdom be made manifest among us this day and every day.
Amen.

-Based on a letter from Bayard Rustin, 1969

*The Procession

*The Opening Hymn No. 386

The Church’s One Foundation
AURELIA

Tuning Our Hearts in Prayer

The Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4
Mary Delancy

One: This is one of our sacred writings,
All: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer

Zachary Helton

The Music for Reflection

Once upon a time there were three very wise men who were all sitting in their own countries, minding their own business, when a bright star lodged in the right eye of each one of them. The star was so bright that none of them could tell whether it was burning in the sky or in their own imaginations, but they were wise enough to know it did not matter all that much. The point was, something beyond them was calling them, and it was a tug they had been waiting for all their lives...
- Barbara Brown Taylor, Home by Another Way

Listening for a Word from God

*The Gospel Acclamation

DH Clark

This is Good News! For the living of these days. Glory be to you, O Christ.

*The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23
Beth Mayfield

One: This is one of our sacred stories,
All: Thanks be to God.
Choir: Your Word speaks to us this day. Praise be to you, O Christ .

*The Hymn

(See Insert)
Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5

Will You Come and Follow Me
KELVINGROVE

The Sermon

Claire Helton

The Anthem

Jane M. Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old. By the lakeside He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same word: “Follow thou Me!” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands and those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.
-Text by Albert Schweitzer

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (using ‘trespasses’)

The Sharing of Communion

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of the Christ with us, among us, and through us. All are invited to approach God’s table, and, with thanksgiving, partake of the symbolic elements of the meal. The elements are offered freely to everyone: wine in the common cup, and unfermented grape juice in the individual cups. For those who wish to take communion by intinction, i.e. dipping the bread, we ask that you use the individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small container on the bread tray.

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