

*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.

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Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry: 1989 - 2019

Sending to Respond to God's Word

The Invitation to Respond

Zachary Helton

*The Closing Hymn No. 397

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers
PLEADING SAVIOR

*The Recessional and Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

David Johnson

*The Benediction

Claire Helton



At Northminster, Everyone Is a Minister

Our Equipping Ministers

Senior Co-Pastor: Rev. Claire Helton
Senior Co-Pastor: Rev. Zachary Helton
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy
Director of Music: Dr. Deborah Chandler
Organist/Musician in Residence: Dr. D.H. Clark
Music Associate: Mr. Justin Havard
Administrative Assistant: Ms. Renee Decker

The Worship of God

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019

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 Claire and Zachary Helton

One: The call has sounded, and the people have heard.

Many: We have heard the music ringing throughout the cosmos, and we have gathered to listen more closely.

One: God reveals Godself in every leaf, creature, and human face.

Many: We have glimpsed God's image, and have come to gaze more deeply into it.

One: Come, let us open ourselves to the presence of God,

Many: May our presence kindle the flame of God within us.

All: Let us worship God together. Amen.

*The Procession

*The Opening Hymn No. 542 Born of God, Eternal Savior
WEISSE FLAGGEN

Remembering Who We Are

The Prayer for the World DH Clark

*The Hymn No. 391 In the Midst of New Dimensions
(Stanzas 1,3 and 4) NEW DIMENSIONS

Listening for a Word from God

The First Reading Genesis 11:1-9

One: This is one of our sacred stories, Craig Henry

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Music for Reflection *Recuerdos de la Alhambra* Francisco Tarrega
arr. DH Clark

"God is Unity, but always works in variety." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Second Reading Revelation 7:9-12

One: This is one of our sacred stories, Julia Wilhite

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Claire and Zachary Helton

The Anthem *Bring Many Names* Carlton Young
arr. DH Clark

Bring many names, beautiful and good, celebrate in parable and story, holiness in glory, living, loving God. Strong mother God, working night and day, planning all the wonders of creation, setting each equation, genius at play. Warm father God, hugging every child, feeling all the strains of human living, caring and forgiving till we're reconciled. Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser than despair; young growing God, eager on the move, saying no to falsehood and unkindness, crying out for justice, giving all you have: Hail and Hosanna great and giving God!
– Text by Brian Wren, 1989

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion Zachary and Claire Helton

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.

The Communion 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

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