



**FOR IN THE
ONE
SPIRIT
we were all
BAPTIZED
INTO one
BODY**

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1 Corinthians 12:13, NRSV

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**3rd Sunday
Ordinary Time**

January 24, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Introit

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Cindy Ater

Leader: O God, who is Creator, Redeemer and sustainer.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Lord God, we know that you are the author of every good and perfect thing. We rejoice in the perfection of your created order. We stand like Job in awe of the power you have placed in nature.

People: We praise you for the goodness of your creation.

Leader: God, even of the fury of storms, we give you thanks that you are steadfast in your love, and constant in your faithfulness, that we might approach you as our strength and refuge.

People: We give you thanks for your steadfast love, and pray your presence among those who suffer.

Leader: Lord of all life, and sustainer of all hope, we ask your special concern for those who are survivors of all disasters this day. We pray especially for those facing loss as the rivers crest near their homes, and those who have already suffered loss through tornadoes and storm.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader: Following every disaster we know that those who suffer experience differing emotions: some are at peace, some are disquieted, some have feelings of anger, vengeance and retribution, and many simply wish to hide. Help us to know that you do not desert us despite our feelings.

People: We thank you that you do not leave us alone, but labor to make us whole.

Leader: God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.

People: Through your Holy Spirit, may we know that you work together in all things for good. We believe that through you, love may overcome hatred, joy may overcome sorrow, and good may overcome evil.

Leader: Help us to see your unseen hand in the unfolding of all our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people.

People: Give us eyes, ears, and hearts that can see your work in the world.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us entrust ourselves, and one another, amid all of life to Christ our God.

People: We rejoice that in life and in death we belong to you.

Leader: Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things.

All: God of compassion please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted. Guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heal wounds and provide hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer; through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

*Hymn

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

No.180 Red Songbook

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

*Response of Praise

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer Response

O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer, when we call answer us.

O Lord hear our prayer, O Lord hear our prayer, come and listen to us.

Anthem *“Great Gettin’ Up Mornin’”*

Children’s Time and the Lord’s Prayer (debts and debtors)

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Nice Body”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 126** *“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“America the Beautiful”*

*Response of Praise

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Provider God, we thank you for the abundance that you have given to us. We pray that our hearts will be overflowing with generosity to share out of all that we’ve been given in order that those who have so little will have enough. Help us to be grateful in our giving. Amen.

***Hymn No. 302** *“I Danced in the Morning”*

*Benediction

and Response *“God Gives Us Those Who Love Us”*

*Postlude

*Those who are able are invited to stand.