



And now these three remain:
Faith, Hope and Love.
But the greatest of these is Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

January 31, 2010

10:00 A.M.

**4th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Prelude

“Agnus Dei”

MOZART

Introit

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 71:1-6

Cindy Ater

Leader: In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,
to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**People: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you.**

***Hymn No. 315**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God, we come today and each day in need of your grace. In our humanity we often look only at ourselves and our own well-being. We lack accountability to you and to our loved ones. We seek only that which would further our own success. Forgive us God, and help us know that because you love us, we too are called to love. Help us be mindful of the orphan, the widow, and the stranger. Strengthen us so that we may love you, ourselves, and one another with authenticity and tenacity. 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

"The Potter's Hand"

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“Love Is Hard Work”

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 335**

“Though I May Speak”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Abide with Me ‘Tis Eventide”

***Response of Praise**

DOXOLOGY

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. 391**

“Take My Life”

***Benediction**

and Response

“God Gives Us Those Who Love Us”

* * *

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin
immediately following worship.**