

**THIRD**  
*Sunday*  
*in Lent*



# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**3rd Sunday  
in Lent**

**March 7, 2010**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## **Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prelude**

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship**

Kent Sherry

Leader: When our pockets are empty, God allows us to purchase what we need, charging it to grace's account.

**People: God thinks differently than we do.**

Leader: When our souls are parched, God hands us a glass of living water.

**People: God's ways are different from ours.**

Leader: When we grow weary of searching, God takes our hand and leads us home.

**People: God's love is different from ours.**

**\*Hymn No. 111 (Red Songbook) "He Is Exalted"**

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We continue to be tempted, Faithful God. We are blessed with gifts to use for others, but we want to keep them for ourselves. We easily notice the mistakes of those around us, but do not want to look in the mirror at our lives. We turn our desires into idols, so we do not have to recognize how they can damage us.**

**Forgive us, steadfast God. Fill the poverty of our spirits with the richness of your grace; feed our selfish hunger with the bread of compassion for the world; pour the living waters of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into our hearts until they overflow with love. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God is faithful. God's love is an eternal bargain which will not be broken,  
God's grace is the gift which will not be taken back.

**People: Such abundant mercy, such extravagant grace! Thanks be to God,  
we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*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**

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

**First Reading**

Luke 13:1-9

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

*"Words of Hope"*

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 81**      *“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**  
*Offertory*

**\*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)**

**Generous God, help us to give as freely of our finances, our time, and our talent as you give of your love for us and all of humanity. Please accept these offerings as part of our praise for you and the abundant wealth you provide us in our relationships. Help us continually seek ways to glorify you with all that we have been given. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 350**      *“Fill My Cup”*

**\*Benediction  
and Response**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**We invite you to stay for fellowship in the  
Family Room following worship.**