

Fifth



SUNDAY

IN LENT

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**5th Sunday
in Lent**

March 21, 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: God be in my head,
People: and in my understanding;
Leader: God be in my eyes,
People: and in my looking;
Leader: God be in my mouth,
People: and in my speaking;
Leader: God be in my heart,
People: and in my thinking;
Leader: God be at my end,
People: and at my departing.

(from Sarum Primer, a 16th Century Prayer Collection)

***Hymn No. 482**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Most merciful God, we know we do not love you above all things, and we do not really love our neighbor, because we are too interested in ourselves. We confess we are not content with what we have. We envy others, resent the injustices we may have suffered and cherish our sorrows. We feel we have never really been understood. In short, we refuse to live because we have held out for better terms.

Lord, as we come from the routine of the week, give us sufficient grace to take off our masks, and remove the burdens of worries and cares. Let our minds be open to your truth; our hearts to your love. Heal us, O God, from the distance we have tried to put between ourselves and life. Heal us from the open wounds that separate us from you and from one another. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus, said, "I am the Bread of Life."

People: Father, we thank you for daily bread, but above all for the Spirit who sustains our spirits.

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd."

People: O God, we thank you for your Son who gave his life so that we might live in the here-and-now, and in all time to come. 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 (responsively, see insert)

Psalm 32

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"The Crucible of Scarcity"

Dr. Richard R. Johnson

***Hymn (see insert)** *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

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)**

Father, you have given to us beyond our wildest dreams and imagination. Indeed, you have put us in the land of milk and honey. Give to us one more thing: grateful hearts; that we might share willingly, joyously, and with reckless abandon to lift up those in need. Amen.

***Hymn No. 339** *“Be Thou My Vision”*

***Benediction and Response**

***Postlude**

* * *

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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