

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Passion/Palm
Sunday**

March 28, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Introit

“Hosanna to the King!”

***Call to Worship**

Kent Sherry

Leader: On this day of palms and celebration,
Jesus continues his journey with God.

**People: We will go with him, for a while,
until he turns toward Calvary.**

Leader: From the top of Olive Mountain,
Jesus prepares to travel through
the valley of heartache and loss.

**People: We will follow Jesus, for a while,
cradling hope in our hearts.**

Leader: In the streets of Jerusalem,
Jesus hears the cries of those
who adore him.

**People: We will shout Jesus' name, for a while,
until we cry out, “Crucify him!”**

***Hymn No. 88**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotions of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful.
God does not reject us when we do not trust fully.
God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

**People: It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us.
It is all we need or ever will need.
Thanks be to God. 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

“Hosanna to the King!”

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

First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Luke 22:54-65

Luke 23:23-28, 32-49

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon “*It’s Friday . . .but Sunday Is Comin’*” Rev. Dwight McCormick, II

***Hymn No. 102** “*Were You There?*”

Reception of New Members

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. 91** “*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*”

***Benediction**

and Response “*Blessed Is He Who Comes*”

***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.**