

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Easter
Sunday**

April 4, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Piano/Organ

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Introit

Procession on “Llanfair”

***Call to Worship**

Marcia Barga

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the day God has made; and what a day!

**People: When God wipes away our tears
so we can see the empty tomb.**

Leader: What a day! Easter Day!

**People: When God opens our hearts' tombs
as Jesus calls us by name.**

***Hymn No. 113**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

On this first day of the week, Emptier of tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good for others. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors.

Call us by name, Redeemer of all creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not given us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not give us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What a day! Easter Day!

God's dawn of new hope, new mercy, new life.

**People: On this first day and every day, we can walk as
God's people, forgiven and made whole.
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

"Christ Is Arisen"

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

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"They Thought It Was an Idle Tale"

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Affirmation of Faith** *"The Apostles' Creed"* (Ecumenical)

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

BEETHOVEN

***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. 108** *“Christ Is Alive!”*

Celebration of Communion (see insert)

***Benediction/Bell Choir Response/Hymn No. 123**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

***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.**