

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**2nd Sunday
of Easter**

April 11, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Marcia Barga

One: This is the time to rejoice!

All: What better time than now!

One: This is the day to laugh:

What did the salad pastor say to the people?

Pastor:Lettuce pray!

One: How many pastors does it take to change a light bulb?

Choir: No one knows, because no one ever listens to the pastor!

One: How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

All: Change? Presbyterians don't believe in change!

One: What's the greatest joke ever?

All: The one God played on death on Easter morning!

***Hymn No. 368**

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are. Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation. Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise. Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart.

Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling, and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

One: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

All: **Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Matthew 1:1-15

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

"Humor Brings Us Hope"

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 387** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

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. 302** *“I Danced in the Morning”*

***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.**