

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**4th Sunday
of Easter**

April 25, 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

Leader: We gather in the presence of God,

**People: where grieving people and children with skinned knees
have their tears wiped away.**

Leader: We gather with the people of God,

**People: to worship the One who provides what we need,
not just what we want.**

Leader: We gather at the Table of God,

**People: to feast on the goodness of God,
to drink from the cup of mercy.**

***Hymn No. 464** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Taught by our culture to want everything, Comfort of the righteous,
we confess that emptiness that sends us searching for still more. Our constant
desire for greener pastures fills us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still
waters are stagnant sends us thirsting for whitewater thrills and adventures.
Our trust in the promises of the world turns us away from the shelter you offer.**

**Forgive us, Source of goodness and mercy. Call us back from our
wayward lives, that we might find rest in your heart, healing from your hands,
and unity in life together as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear God's voice: I will walk with you in every moment;
I fill you with my grace and hope; I know you and love you.

**People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might belong to our God forever
and ever! 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)

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 469** *“Morning Has Broken”*

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. 525** *“Here I Am, Lord”*

***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.**