

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**Mother's
Day**

May 9, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Introit *"The Eyes of the Lord Are Upon You"*

***Call to Worship**

Diana Schneider

Leader: God calls us to this place,
 a haven for healing and hope.

**People: We come, with the pain of our burdens;
 we come to hear God's Word for us.**

Leader: Together, we will sing songs of joy;
 each of us will hear God whisper our name:
 'Beloved of my heart.'

**People: We join our voices in prayer and praise;
 we sing of our longing for new lives.**

Leader: Here, our shadowed corners are filled with Light;
 here we discover that God dwells with us.

**People: And not just us, for God would teach all to love;
 God's Spirit would lead all peoples in peace.**

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

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how the anger, the pain, the bitterness of our lives try to crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, and then they hear us call others names, and speak of them with demeaning words. Our desire for revenge towards those who have hurt us shows that your peace, indeed, is not within us.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and lives within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, your heart can still heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living deep within our souls, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Word which can transform is not some idle gossip, but good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.

People: **In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. 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.*

