

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**7th Sunday
of Easter**

May 16, 2010

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

YOUTH SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements (pass attendance roster)

Pastoral Prayer

Introit *“If You’re Happy and You Know It!”*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise God, all people!

People: Praise the Lord, all creation!

Leader: Whales doing back flips in the air,
squid and octopi dancing on the ocean floor;

**People: Giant redwoods stretching to the sky,
tomato vines cuddling around a stake.**

Leader: Mountains blocking the sunrise, moles tunneling
through our front lawns;

**People: 5-year-olds sitting in a story-time circle,
grandparents singing 'their song.'**

Leader: Redbuds decorating our backyard,
grass growing faster than our children;

**People: seals getting a suntan on the rocks,
teenagers knotted together at church.**

Leader: Praise the Lord, all creation!

People: Praise God, all people!

***Hymn No. 372** *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”*

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Who are we to get in your way, Holy God? We put people into neat, little boxes, but you rip them open, so folks can dance in your joy. We imprison others with our unmet expectations, and you set them free with a Word. We build walls around those we don't know, and you tear them down, so they can run wild in the kingdom.

Who are we to get in your way, Saving Power, especially in the way of your forgiveness offered to all! Give us your vision that sees everyone as equal - forgiven, graced, loved - even as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: We know who God is by the love shown to us in Christ Jesus.

People: **We will show others who we are - and Whose we are - by the love poured out by our lives. 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.*

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

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 24

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-17

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

“The Key to Happiness”

Northminster’s Youth

***Special Music/Hymn**

“I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing” (see insert)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Am a Child of God”

***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. 369**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Benediction**

and Response

***Postlude**

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.