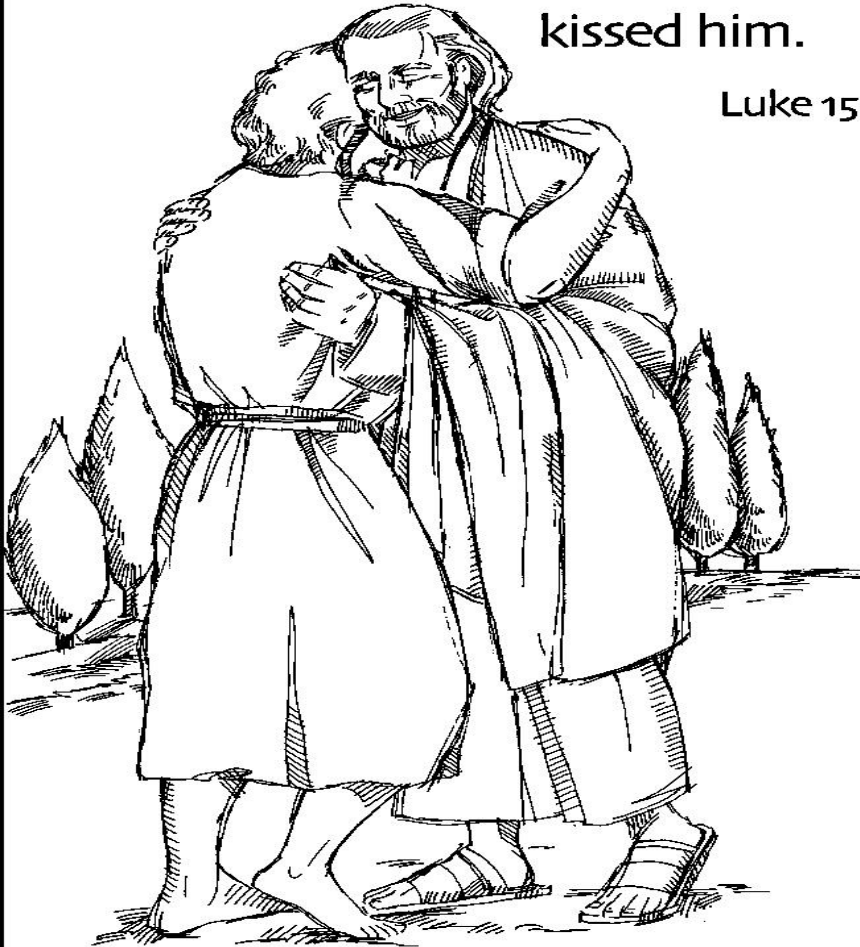


*H*is father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

**4th Sunday
in Lent**

March 10, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Don Hughes

Leader: Do you feel it? God's kingdom is beneath our feet.

**People: We live in the new creation shaped by God
out of our brokenness.**

Leader: Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ
has shattered our ways of viewing people.

**People: No longer do we label our sisters and brothers,
we welcome them with open arms.**

Leader: Do you believe it? God has made everything, including us, new,

People: and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!

***Hymn of the Month No. 25** "Psalm 95: Come, Worship God" Green Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

On this very day, Waiting God, we admit all the lengths to which we go so we might avoid you. You offer us that kingdom of joy and wonder, yet we would hide in places where temptation waits. You invite us to feast on your grace and peace, but we stubbornly refuse, because you also welcome those we call 'outsiders.' We are quick to see all the mistakes that those around us make, but hope you will ignore our foolish choices.

Celebrating God, before we come to our senses, we find you running towards us, sweeping us up in your arms, tears of grace mingling with our cries of confession, a mighty river washing away our sinful ways to restore us to new life. In Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we find no limitations on your grace, no reservations about your love, but a feast that overflows with wonder, a place we can finally call home.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God rolls away everything that stands in our way - our past, our sin, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

People: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.

Congregational Response

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer Response

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.*

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.

All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.

God, the well-spring of life.

Special Music

“Some Brother That I Used to Know”

Lyrics by: Corey Nelson

Rob Adams

Dwight McCormick

Children’s Time

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Blue Hymnal

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Carol Emerich

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Response of Praise**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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)**

O God, we commit to use all our gifts--wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, administration, hospitality, and finances--in the service of acting as co-workers with you and each other for peace and justice to flow like a mighty stream. Amen.

***Hymn No. 434**

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction
and Response**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Please stay for fellowship in the
Family Room following worship.**