



*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, March 24, 2013

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Processional/Introit “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

***Hymn No. 89** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

***Prayer of Invocation**

***Call to Worship**

Don Hughes

Leader: On this day of palms and celebration,
Jesus continues his journey with God.

**People: We will go with him, for a while,
until he turns towards Calvary.**

Leader: From the top of Olive Mountain,
Jesus prepares to travel
through the valley of heartache and loss.

**People: We will follow Jesus, for a while,
cradling hope in our hearts.**

Leader: In the streets of Jerusalem,
Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

**People: We will shout Jesus' name, for a while,
until we cry out, "Crucify him!"**

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

Sustainer of the weary, we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives, and how we have not followed him as he leads us on this journey. We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world. We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. We trust in the slick promotion of the world, and not in your words that can transform our lives.

Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us. Help us to have the same mind as Christ, so we would know your promises; help us to have the same heart as Christ, so we might serve your children; help us to have the same Spirit as Christ, so we might go wherever you lead us.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not turn away when we fail to be faithful.
God does not reject us when we do not trust fully.
God continues to love us, to forgive us, to restore us.

**People: It is God who helps us; it is God who saves us.
It is all we need or ever will need. Thanks be to God.
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.*

Choral Anthem

“Hosanna to the King!”

Children’s Time

First Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 91**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

Blue Hymnal

Video Minute for Mission *One Great Hour of Sharing*

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. 476**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction
and Response**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

Thank you to Rev. Thom Shuman for his ongoing creativity in providing us with liturgy for our worship services. His take on the weekly lectionary lessons adds to our worship.