

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2013

10:00 A.M.

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Bell Choir Introit “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

***Call to Worship**

Don Hughes

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice in it.

Leader: This is the day God has made; and what a day!

**People: When God wipes away our tears
so we can see the empty tomb.**

Leader: What a day! Easter day!

**People: When God opens our hearts' tombs
as Jesus calls us by name.**

***Hymn No. 113**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

Blue Hymnal

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer of Confession

On this first day of the week, Emptier of tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors.

Call us by name, Redeemer of all creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not given us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not hand us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: What a day! Easter Day!
God's dawn of new hope, new mercy, new life.

**People: On this first day and every day,
we can walk as God's people,
forgiven and made whole.
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 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”
Featuring Eric Barga

Children’s Time

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

***Hymn No. 115** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Blue Hymnal

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (see insert)

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)**

Provider God, we present our lives and our resources to you in service to the Kingdom of God. Grant that they may be invested in proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. We commit to serving and glorifying you with all that has been entrusted to our care. Amen.

***Hymn No. 108**

“Christ Is Alive!”

Blue Hymnal

***Benediction**

***Bell Choir Response with Bassoon**

***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.