

*Create in me a*



**clean  
heart,**

*O God,  
and put a new &  
right  
spirit  
within  
me.*



*Psalm 51:10*

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, August 25, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Ordinary  
Time**

**August 25, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Call to Worship**

Diana Schneider

Leader: Before we got up this morning  
and decided to come to church,

**People: God was waiting for us,  
to welcome us with grace.**

Leader: When we are unsure of what to do;  
when we falter before the next step,

**People: we come to listen to God's voice,  
to learn from the One who teaches us  
all we ever need to know.**

Leader: When we are surrounded by cruelty and injustice;  
when our fears cripple our souls,

**People: God delivers us with steadfast love;  
we are set free to be God's sons and daughters.**

**\*Hymn of the Month No. 212**

"Spirit Song"

Green Songbook

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire that scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.**

**Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our sins and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. Help us offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.**

*(Please remain in prayer silently confessing your personal sin.)*

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: God chooses not to turn a deaf ear to us,  
but to listen to our prayers.

God chooses not to shame us, but to save us.

**People: This is, indeed, good news for us!**

**We are set free to drink deeply from the waters of life.**

**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.*

### **Special Music**

Paul Brown

### **Children's Time**

### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 361**

“How Firm a Foundation” (verses 1-4)

Blue Hymnal

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

**\*Response of Praise**

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*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**

**O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play—a world full of your wisdom and majesty; we offer praise with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with your bounty.**

**Please accept a portion of the blessing you have given to us. Use these offerings and tokens of our devotion: to increase wisdom in the world, to protect the created order, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick, and to comfort the afflicted. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 379**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Blue Hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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

Thank you to Rev. Tom 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.