



Will you not  
*revive*  
us again, that  
your people may  
*rejoice*  
in you?  
PSALM 85:6, ESV

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, September 1, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Ordinary  
Time**

**September 1, 2013**

**10:00 A.M.**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prelude

## Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

### \*Call to Worship

Terry Rigio

Leader: We come to worship our God,  
to listen to the One who calls us here.

**People: We come trusting God to lead us in the coming days,  
as surely as were our grandparents in the faith.**

Leader: We come to worship our God,  
to shout with joy to the God of all people.

**People: We come to the Creator of all things,  
to be bathed in the waters of life.**

Leader: We come to the Feast of God's faithful,  
to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.

**People: We come to worship our God,  
to sing aloud to the One who saves us.**

### \*Hymn of the Month No. 184

Green Hymnal

"Psalm 84: How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely"

## Call to Reconciliation

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have the chance.**

**Forgive us, Welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.**

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

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or any thing do to us? We are new people, graced by our loving God.

**People: Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. 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.*

### **Children's Time**

#### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 485**

“To God Be the Glory”

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. 473**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (verses 1-5)

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.