



ANYONE  
WHO  
DOES  
NOT

CARRY HIS  
CROSS &  
FOLLOW ME  
CANNOT BE  
MY DISCIPLE.

LUKE 14:27

**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, September 8, 2013

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

**Ordinary  
Time**

**September 8, 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 gather in the presence of God:

**People: Who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep,  
and in all the moments in between.**

Leader: We gather in the house of God:

**People: Who has created a family for us, here as well as in  
Baghdad, in Belfast, and in Nairobi.**

Leader: We gather to be the people of God:

**People: Who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.**

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

Green Hymnal

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

### **Call to Reconciliation**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions, we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping away into the shadows.

Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us, renew us, so we may take up our crosses and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News - we are God's new creation.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are reshaped, renewed, forgiven. 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 18:1-11

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Second Reading**

Luke 14:25-33

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

Rev. Dwight McCormick II

**\*Hymn No. 341**                    “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”                    Blue Hymnal

## **Invitation to the Offering**

### **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**

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.

### **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

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**\*Hymn No. 538**                    “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”                    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.