

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

July 26, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

## Prelude

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### \*Call to Worship

David Hapner

Leader: Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

People: **We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.**

Leader: Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

People: **God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.**

Leader: Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

People: **We rejoice with God who is with us always.**

### Hymn No. 551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Blue Hymnal

(Please feel free to hum along to the pre-recorded hymns. Singing is a dangerous way to spread Covid-19 so please resist the urge to do so. God hears our hearts singing even as we lament the loss of vocalizing our praise)

### Call to Confession

David Hapner

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**What can we say about our foolish lives, God of Love? Too often, we choose to worship power when we could serve others in humility. We toss and turn at night, all those things over which we have no control keeping us wide awake, when we could turn them over to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we dread that day and try everything we can to postpone it.**

**For believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy, forgive us, Grace of the world. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

### Assurance of Pardon

David Hapner

Leader: Who has the right to judge us? Only Christ. Yet Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us - Christ even prays for us!

People: **This is the love which binds us to God forever. There is nothing in this world, or beyond, which will keep us from being God's children. Thanks be to God. Amen**

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayer of Illumination

### First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Haggai 1:15-2:9

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

### Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Special Music

### Sermon

"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like . . ."

## Responding to the Word

**Stewardship Reminder** (offering plate at the back of sanctuary as you exit)

Special ongoing offering for Clifton Avenue Food Pantry—use oatmeal box on the table

**Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed—Ecumenical**

Please refer to the screen

### Hymn No. 267

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Green Hymnal

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## Benediction

### Closing Chorus

"Go Now in Peace"

BESIG

## Postlude

Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of  
[www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) for today's liturgy

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MATTHEW 13:44



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