

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Legend" ELDRIDGE

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Judy Heaton

Leader: Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope:

People: here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.

Leader: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:

People: we may find those who are strangers, yet are sisters and brothers of ours.

Leader: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:

People: here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.

Hymn No. 754 "Help Us Accept Each Other" Glory to God

Call to Confession Judy Heaton

Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit, Providing God, that we have difficulties living as your children. We could live in unity, but our words fracture relationships with family and friends. We have been shown the way to your kingdom, but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others. When we could offer others the precious oil of peace, we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection.

Have mercy on us, Healing Heart, have mercy on us. When you call to us, may we listen with open ears, understand with embracing hearts, and share your grace with others, even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news for you: God has provided hope for you, filling you with joy, with mercy, with peace. Judy Heaton

People: As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45:1-15

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 15:21-28

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

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music "Be Thou My Vision" arr. KROGSTAD

Sermon

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn No. 343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" Glory to God
(Verses, 1, 2, 5, 6)

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Canzoni di Danza" PASQUINI

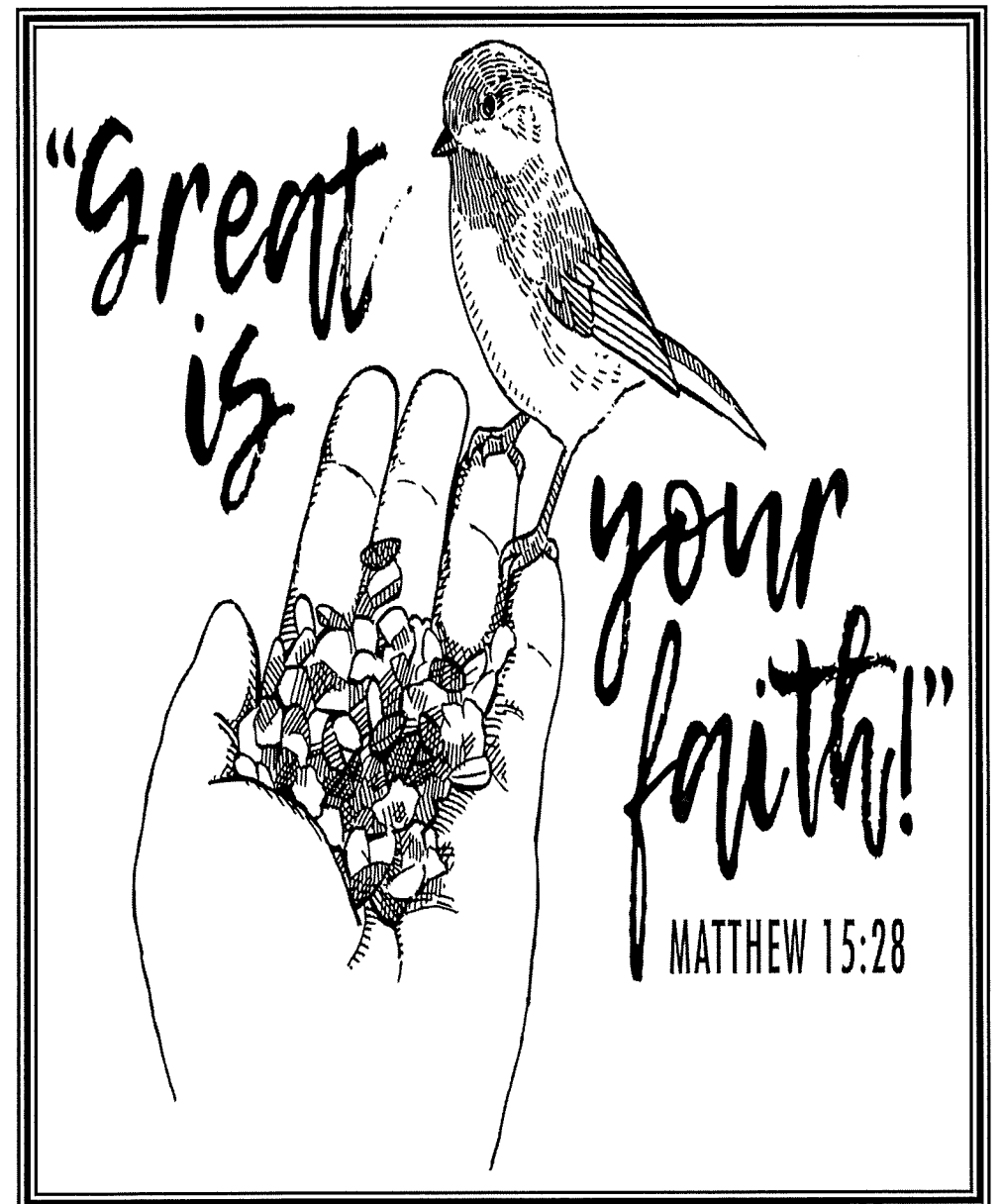
Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
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