

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Gavotte II" JS BACH

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship Judy Heaton

Leader: In a time of bitterness and pain,
People: **God raised up Moses and changed the lives of a people.**

Leader: From the shadow of death,
People: **God raised up Jesus and changed the lives of all people.**

Leader: In every time, and in every place,
People: **God raises up witnesses, people whose lives are changed forever.**

Hymn No. 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West" Glory to God

Call to Confession Judy Heaton

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples, God of mystery. The desires of the world would shape us into people you would not recognize.

The demands of our society pull us away from your heart. Our culture values the rich, the powerful, the successful, but you are on the side of the weak, the poor, the outcast, the oppressed.

Forgive us, Merciful God, for looking for you in the wrong places. Reawaken us with your voice that calls us to service; revive our weary hearts with your vision of creation; refresh our fatigued spirits that we might boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord and as our Savior, and go forth to serve your people in Christ's name.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: It's too easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live like servants, we will find true freedom.

People: **Not only our minds, but our hearts and spirits will be transformed into the likeness of Christ, enabling us to be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Exodus 1:8-2:10

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 16:13-20

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Special Music "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" VETTER

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. 321 "The Church's One Foundation" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Alla Marcia" HARKER

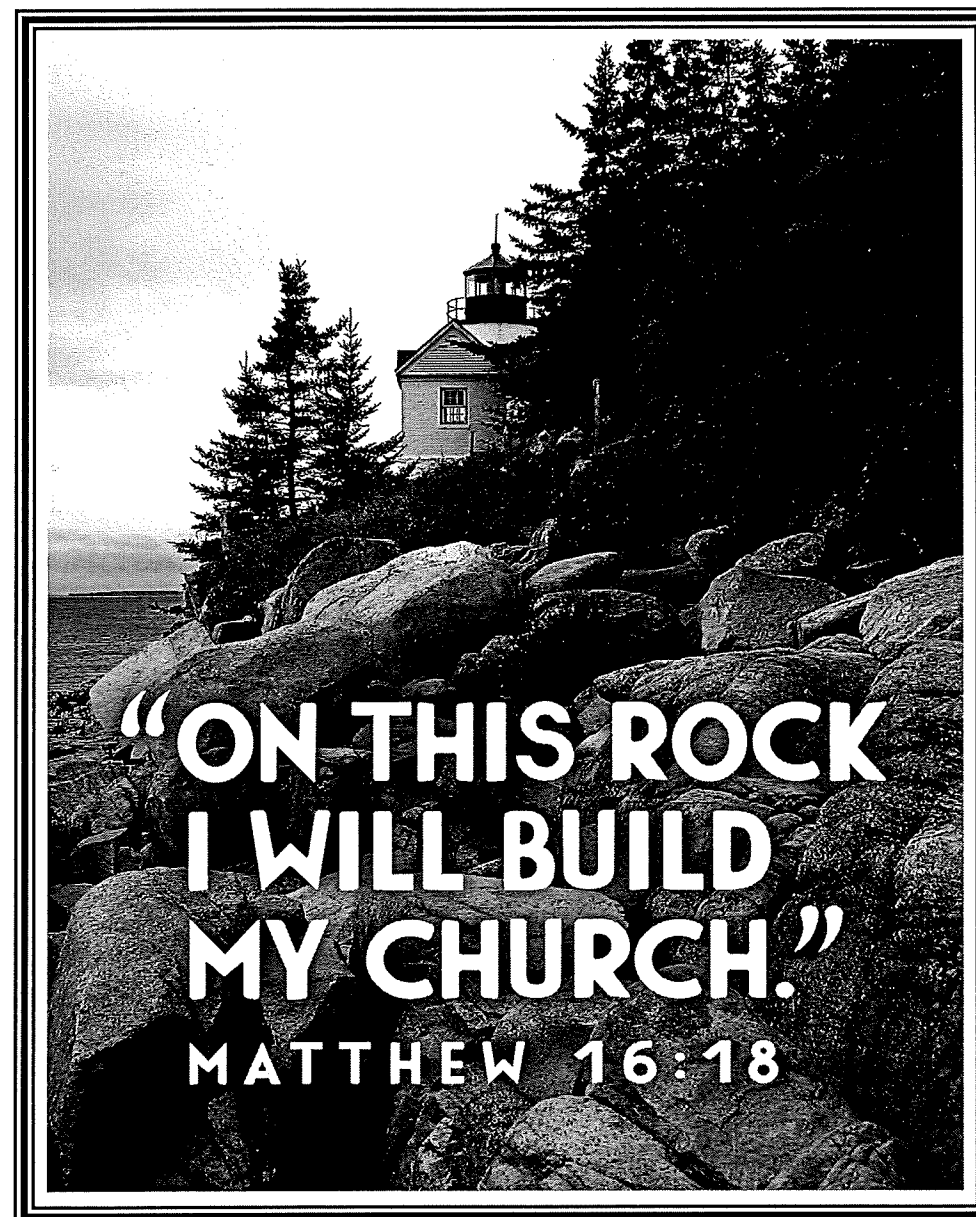
Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com for today's liturgy

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**“ON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.”**

MATTHEW 16:18

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