

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

August 30, 2020

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Andante con moto" PEETERS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Judy Heaton

Leader: Some of your people gather in sanctuaries while others create sacred spaces in their living rooms or back yards.

People: Yet, all join to worship you, God who is with the scattered and gathered.

Leader: Some of your followers are going out to serve and work, while others stay at home, helping children and grandchildren learn virtually.

People: Yet, all seek to follow your example, Jesus who calls the scattered and gathered.

Leader: Some care for others by shopping for them, while plant seeds of peace and hope.

People: Yet, whether gathered or scattered, all seek to live out your gifts, Spirit of us all.

Hymn No. 52 "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" Glory to God

Call to Confession Judy Heaton

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Moses and Mary, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them. We could welcome those we do not know but choose to close our hearts. We could make outsiders our best friends but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, Genuine Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts, that we can give it away to those around us.

Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Polish the rough edges of our arrogance, until we become smooth enough to win the gold in being honorable. Then, we would put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way of self-denial and life.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

People: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 16:21-28

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading Old Testament Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

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

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music "L'Auguste" C.P.E. BACH

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

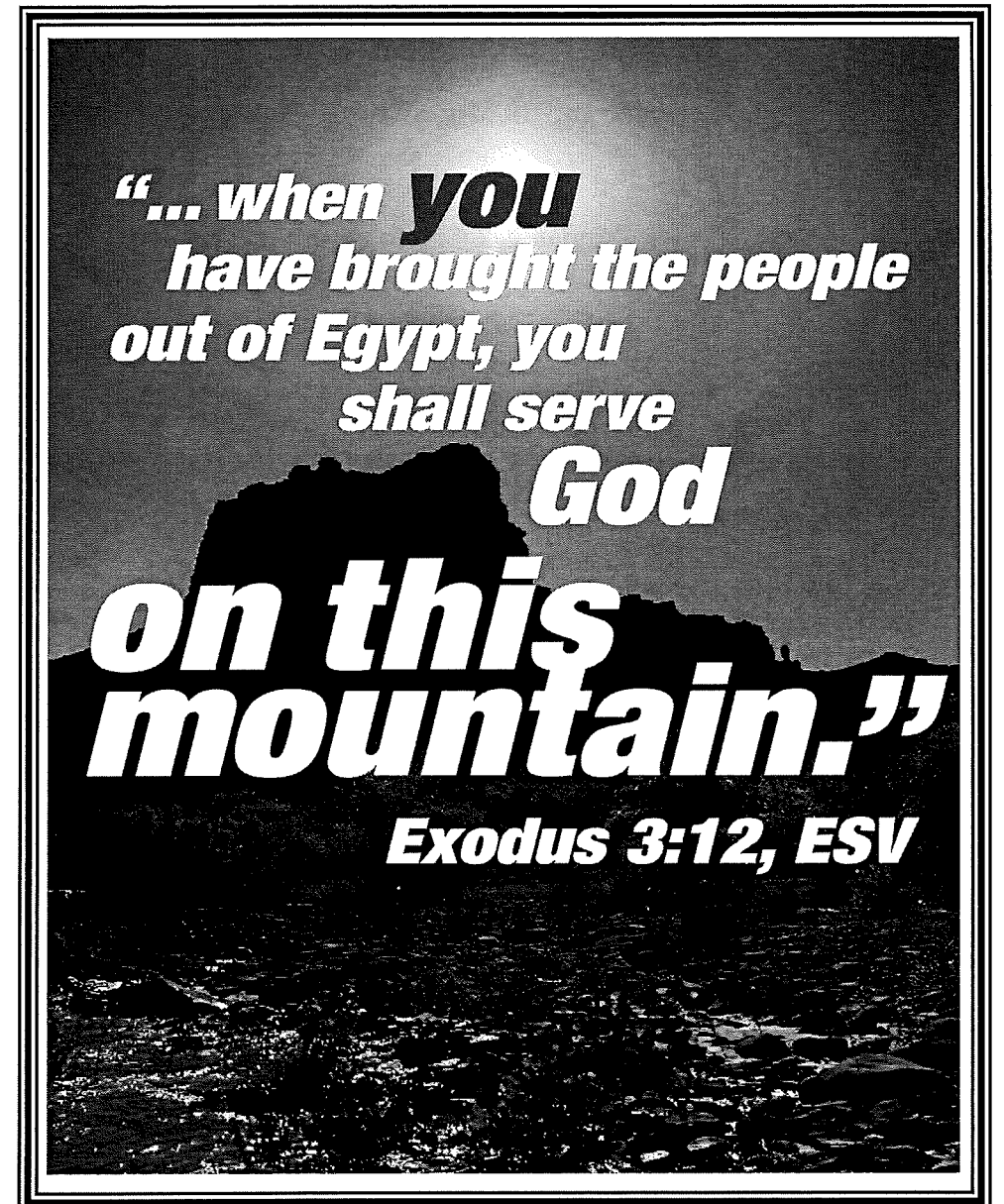
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose 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. 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Allegro Maestoso" PEETERS



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Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
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