

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Pastorale" WESLEY

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Kevin Creager

Leader: Each morning, God's grace awakens us, each evening, God's peace cradles us.

People: Compassion is our constant companion, as we go through work, school, the day.

Leader: In every moment, God is present with us; God whispers words which can change our lives.

People: Justice is our faithful teacher, pointing to where we can carry out fairness.

Leader: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows, God's light will provide a way home.

People: We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us; we return home, and find a feast prepared.

Hymn No. 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Glory to God

Call to Confession Kevin Creager

Unison Prayer of Confession

Great Lover of Justice, hear our prayers: called to treat all people equally, we take sides and pick favorites; chosen to be your children, we arrogantly assume others are not so honored; challenged to be examples of faith, we reveal our worst natures to our families and friends.

Forgive us, Giver of Rest. Enable us to stop putting you to the test, so we can open our hypocritical hearts to your healing touch of compassion and hope.

As Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has given all for us, may we give ourselves to you - confidently, completely, faithfully.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Kevin Creager

Leader: Hear the good news: the One who created goodness and beauty is also the One who shows no partiality, but offers grace and peace to all.

People: God has heard our prayers and done the very thing we asked - forgiven us, healed us, restored us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Exodus 33:12-23

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Matthew 22:15-22

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

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music "With a Heart of Thanksgiving" HELVEY

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
Peace and Global Witness Offering envelopes on the back table

Minute for Stewardship Susan Dersch

Affirmation of Faith (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen

Hymn No. 720

“Jesus Calls Us”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Be Still My Soul (Finlandia)”

SIBELIUS

Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

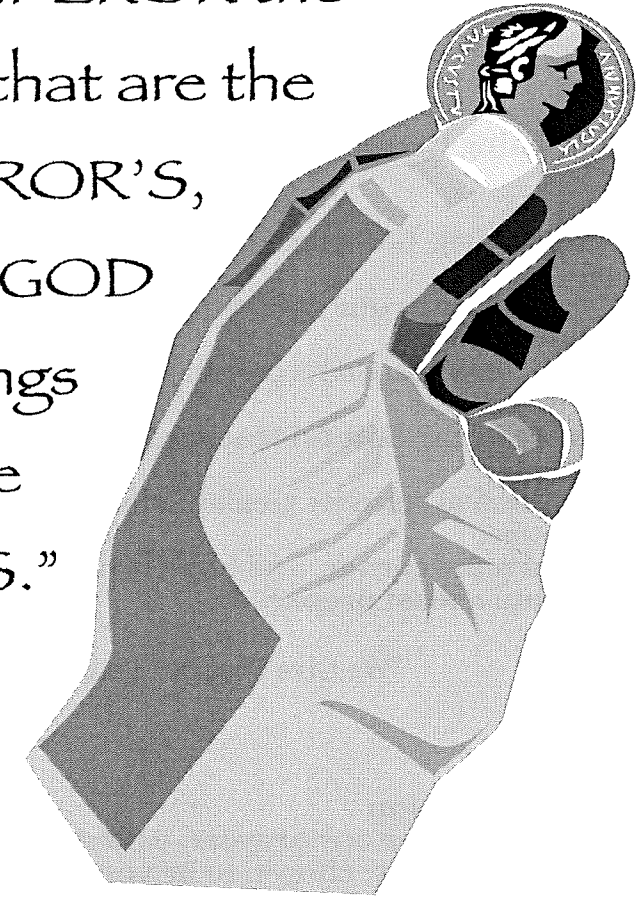
Special thanks to Rev. Thom M. Shuman of
www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com for today's liturgy

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“Give therefore to
the EMPEROR the
things that are the
EMPEROR'S,
and to GOD
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Matthew 22:21, NRSV

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