

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

**Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation**

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

**Prelude**

"Ubi Caritas"

arr. CALLAHAN

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship**

Joe Stalder

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before God. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for God is coming to judge the earth.**

Leader: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Hymn**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Glory to God

**Call to Confession**

Joe Stalder

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God: We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Indeed, because we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have failed to be a people fully obedient to these commands; we have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.**

**Gracious God: Command what you will and give what you command. Give us the love that you require of us. Fill our whole heart with love for you that becomes a whole-hearted love for our neighbor.**

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

Joe Stalder

Leader: The Scripture announces that this is a true saying and is to be universally accepted:

**People: Christ came into the world to save sinners. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: Friends, in Christ you are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 98

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

New Testament Lesson

John 15:9-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music**

**Sermon**

"Love One Another"

Rev. Dwight McCormick

**Responding to the Word**

**Stewardship Reminder**

**Affirmation of Faith (from Confession of Belhar)**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe ... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.**

**Hymn**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Glory to God

**Benediction**

**Closing Chorus**

"Go Now in Peace"

BESIG

**Postlude**

"Be Still My Soul"

SIBELIUS/  
arr. LINKER

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

Today's liturgy is provided by Pastor Jerry Andrews of The Presbyterian Outlook

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