

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

July 11, 2021

7th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Brother James' Air" (The Lord's My Shepherd)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Joe Stalder

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

People: righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

People: and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" Glory to God

Call to Confession Joe Stalder

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you send prophetic truth-tellers to shed light on the ways we have failed, the ways we need to grow, the ways we can be and become better. Yet, we turn from these harsh truths. We avoid situations where we might receive constructive criticism. We disempower people whose voices are necessary for our own growth and liberation. Forgive us, we pray, and help us become willing listeners to your prophets, to people of different perspectives and to those bold enough to preach and speak the truth. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Joe Stalder

Leader: God says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

**People: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Thy Word" A. GRANT

First Reading Old Testament Lesson 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Mark 6:14-29

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Doubt Isn't the Opposite of Faith" Rev. Kevin Lawler

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Hymn "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Minuet in A minor" JS BACH

Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Teri McDowell Ott
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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