

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" arr. SHACKLEY

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** David Hapner

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Hymn "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" Glory to God

Call to Confession David Hapner

Unison Prayer of Confession

If we are honest with ourselves and with you, Holy God, we can confess the many gods who have staked a claim in our hearts. Whether it be our worship of money or power, nation or family, personal liberty or individual choice, alcohol, or some other form of numbing drug, we betray you in a myriad of ways. Have mercy on us, O God. Turn us from the golden calves we erect in your presence. Return us and our hearts to worship you. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon David Hapner

Leader: In body and in soul, in life and in death, our salvation lies in the faith and the hope that we are not our own, but belong to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: In Christ, we are forgiven. We are freed from sin. We are given permission to begin again. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Joys and Concerns (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer)

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Meditation "Why Should I Feel Discouraged" GABRIEL

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Psalm 84
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson John 6:56-69
Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Rev. Dwight McCormick

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Hymn "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Polonaise in g 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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