

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

October 3, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Down to the River to Pray”
“Simple Gifts”
“Do Lord”

African American Song
Shaker Song
American Spiritual

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Kevin Creager

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

People: **God’s steadfast love is before our eyes, and we draw near in faithfulness.**

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

People: **We gather around the table of our Lord, singing songs of thanksgiving, proclaiming God’s wondrous deeds.**

Leader: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

People: **We will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

Leader: Come now and worship the Lord.

Hymn

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Kevin Creager

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, in Jesus you modeled power through vulnerability, and victory through sacrifice. But we live in a world that celebrates abundance and might. God of grace, in Christ we find unhesitating welcome as siblings — all children of One loving parent. But, if we’re honest with ourselves, there are members of our human family we would rather avoid.

God of love, reshape us that we might be brave enough to show strength by sharing power, encourage us that we might admit to ourselves our reluctance to acknowledge those across the ocean, over the border, or just around the corner as our family. And reorient us to the trailblazing example of Jesus, whose super-power was sacrifice and whose gracious embrace knows no bounds.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Kevin Creager

Leader: Siblings in Christ, Our savior abandoned the company of angels for this marvelous and messy world, and in his sacrifice we find a fresh start for our relationship with God and with one another.

People: **May we live into this new day; in Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.**

Gloria Patri (spoken not sung)

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

“Amazing Grace”

JOHN NEWTON

First Reading

New Testament Lesson

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Lamentations 3:19-26

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“Steadfast Love”

Rev. Dwight McCormick

Responding to the Word

Doxology (spoken not sung)

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.

Stewardship Reminder (The offering plate is located outside the sanctuary on the table by the door)

Affirmation of Faith (The Belhar Confession)

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and hostility, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged, that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

