

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Amazing Grace" HOPSON

Welcome and Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship** Kevin Creager

Leader: We are made new by Christ's resurrection!

People: We are Easter people!

Leader: We are agents of grace and hope!

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Leader: We are ambassadors of good news!

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Leader: Let us worship the Living Lord!

People: We are Easter people!

Hymn "Christ Is Alive!" Glory to God

Call to Confession Kevin Creager

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your vision for a whole, healed, and just world. Your Holy Spirit keeps surprising us as you work to make all things new. Forgive us when we close off our hearts and minds to the opportunities to live as your Easter people. Raise us to new life in Christ. Let our lives witness to your goodness and grace.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon Kevin Creager

Leader: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us now, accepting, guiding, forgiving.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

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

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

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Prayer Response: O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me, O' Lord hear my prayer, O' Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

Meditation "O Rest in the Lord" MENDELSSOHN

First Reading New Testament Lesson John 13:31-35

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Acts 11:1-18

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Living Out the Living Word" Rev. Terry Kukuk

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder (Offering plate is outside the sanctuary on the table by door)

*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.

*Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus "Go Now in Peace" BESIG

Postlude "Be Still My Soul" arr. LINKER

*Those who are able are invited to stand

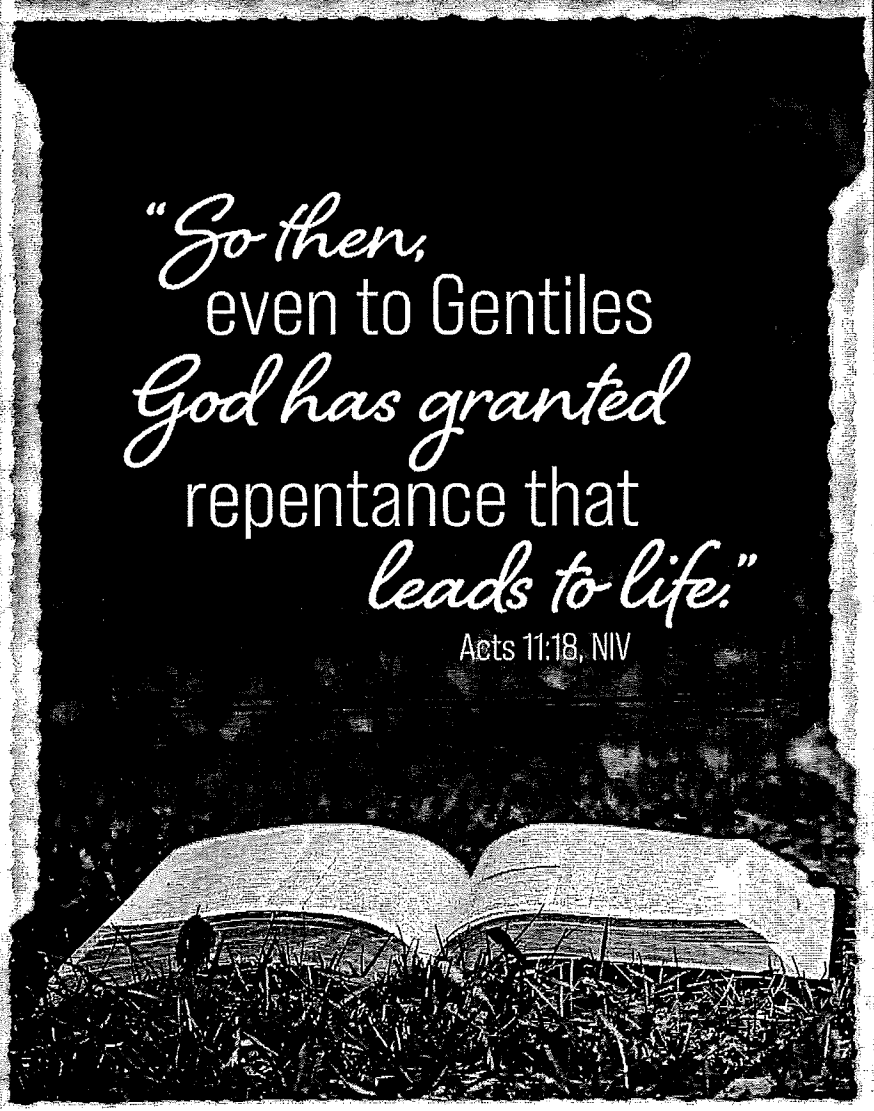
Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Rev. Terry Kukuk

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*"Go then,
even to Gentiles
God has granted
repentance that
leads to life."*

Acts 11:18, NIV

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