

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Jordan”

arr. Johnson

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Carl Ahlm

Leader: We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus.

**People: We are called to spread God’s love in this world.**

Leader: We can do this work, as we are, because of the Holy Spirit.

**People: By God’s grace, we are salt.**

Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

**People: By God’s grace, we are light.**

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

**People: By God’s grace, we follow the commandments and the law.**

Leader: We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: By God’s grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.**

Leader: Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

Hymn No. 853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Carl Ahlm

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Carl Ahlm

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us.

God still calls us by name. God still places God’s Spirit upon us.

**People: We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.**

**\*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)

Carl Ahlm

**Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination**

*I cast all my cares upon You.*

*I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.*

*And anytime that I don't know what to do,*

*I will cast all my cares upon You. (sing through twice)*

Meditation

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”

**First Reading**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading**

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

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

**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

“Salt and Light”

Rev. Dwight McCormick

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 (The Confession of Belhar)**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Hymn No. 792

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Glory to God

**Benediction**

**Closing Chorus**

**Postlude**

“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. RENPAH

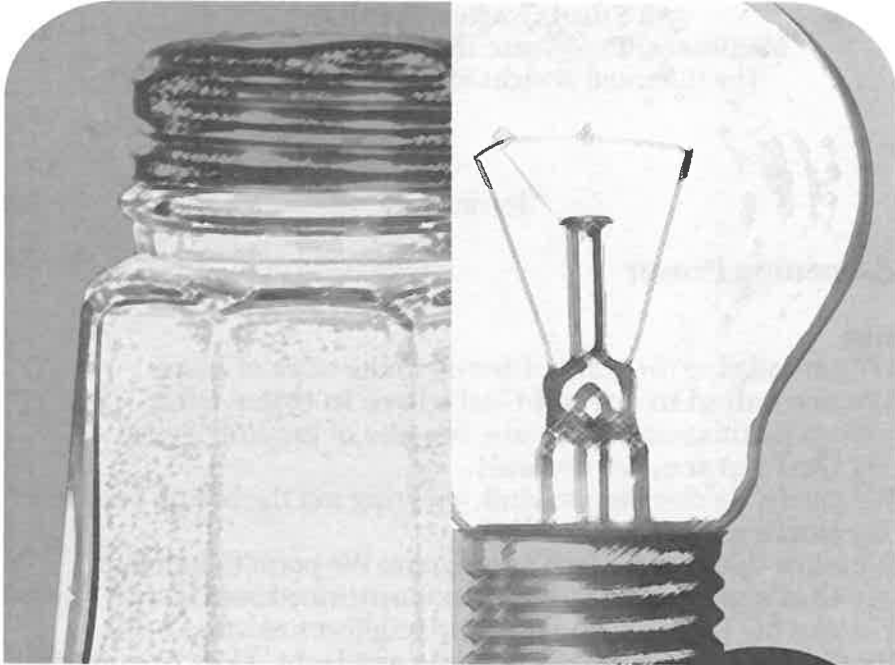
\*Those who are able are invited to stand

Thank you to David Hapner for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Rose Schrott Taylor  
and The Presbyterian Outlook

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