

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation

The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude "Allegro in A Minor" ANONYMOUS

Welcome and Announcements Julie Griffin

Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Call to Worship** Julie Griffin

Leader: Spirit of Joy – come like the wind, swirling among us; fill us with enthusiasm, and energize us to do your work and your will.

People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy!

Leader: Spirit of Hope – Come from the four winds, breathing upon all your people, that all creation may be renewed with hope.

People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope!

Leader: Spirit of Love – come as our Comforter and Consoler, so that all who are broken and wounded are healed, so that all who grieve may be consoled by the power of your love and grace.

People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love!

Leader: Spirit of Wisdom – come as the light of understanding, that diversity in all its forms may be respected and may be understood as something to cherish.

People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Wisdom!

Leader: Spirit of Peace – come as the winds of truth, that our hearts may be kindled by the passion for justice and peace.

People: Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Peace!

Hymn No. 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" Glory to God

Call to Confession Julie Griffin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your Spirit calls each of us. But we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet we cling to fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Julie Griffin

Leader: People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God has come upon creation and upon you.

People: Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we are given the promise of complete forgiveness. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

*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)

Julie Griffin

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

"Fill Me Now"

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First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 11:24-30

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

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

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

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Being Together; Being Ourselves"

Rev. Angie Schenck

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)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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