

sheep.’<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

THE SERMON                      THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND                      Dr. Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 250                      *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      *The Apostles' Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY                      *Make me a Channel of Your Peace*                      Hymn 753

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 826                      *Lift High the Cross*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*Ushers*  
*John and Lee Ann Kabana, Bob Newman, Ann Pace*

*Acolytes*  
*Abby Caldwell, Skyler Hayes*

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*May Fourteenth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Seventeen*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Acts 7:55-60; I Peter 2:2-10

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE PASSING OF PEACE

THE GATHERING HYMN 248 (Verse 1)                      *Hymn to Joy*

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding Bring a taste of love unknown.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, and call on His name!

**Congregants: Make known His wondrous deeds among all the peoples of the earth!**

Minister: Sing to Him, sing praises to His name.

**Congregants: Tell of His wonderful works of love.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
our Redeemer and Deliverance and King,  
you prepare a place for us  
in the home of the Parent of us all.  
Draw us more deeply into your Kingdom,  
fill us with the gifts of Your Spirit,**

**light the fire of new life in our hearts,  
and give us vision and courage and wisdom  
for the living of these days.  
Be with us now in our worship.  
that we might rejoice in your presence.  
Through your grace and goodness we pray.  
Amen.**

\* HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**O Lord, we have sinned against You  
in word, in thought, and in action and inaction.  
We have not walked in the ways  
You have called us and taught us.  
We have not worshipped You  
in the wholeness of our hearts and spirits.  
We have sung Your praises when it is easy,  
but hesitate to follow you to Calvary.  
Forgive us for our unfaithfulness,  
and give us the spirit of true repentance.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)  
God's heart is always open  
when we confess our sinfulness.  
He always receives our prayers,  
and blesses the intentions of our hearts.  
His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting,  
and His loving kindness is for all ages.  
In Christ, we are forgiven!

\* RESPONSE Hymn 236 (Verse 1) *The Strife is O'er*  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The strife is o'er, the battle done, The victory of life is won; The  
song of triumph has begun. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST LESSON Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its

branches.' <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with <sup>34</sup>three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'  
<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we  
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE CHILDRENS MESSAGE / CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

ANTHEM

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

William Roberts

THE SECOND LESSON John 21:1-19

<sup>1</sup>After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my

## Announcements

Ushers for May 21, 2017 – Emily Allen, Dana Esworthy, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams

We are unable to locate our Coffee Pot Urn, if you have borrowed it can you please return it back to the Church.

Looking for our 2017 Graduates! If you have a high school or college or trade school graduate the Worship Committee would like to recognize him or her. Let us know the name, graduation date, school and the plans for the future for the graduate. This information needs to be put on the Church Secretary's desk or emailed to [susie@northminsterpcusa.org](mailto:susie@northminsterpcusa.org). We need this information by Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Northminster Presbyterian is celebrating our 75th anniversary in 2017. The worship committee is planning a homecoming celebration on Sunday, October 1st with a special service and luncheon to follow the service. If you have a special person you want to be invited, please give the name and address to Judy Ferrell. When we have finalized the plans, we will let everyone know!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help provide transportation to church each Sunday for some of our members who could not otherwise attend. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact the Minister.

"Devotional booklets and daily scripture reading guides can be found in the hallway outside the fellowship hall in the new wall racks and on the table. Current and past copies of devotional booklets including, *These Days* and *The Upper Room* are available. Please help yourself to any of these excellent publications." The 2017 Flower Calendar has been placed on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

### Calendar

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship
Monday	5:30 pm	Mission Study Task Force Meeting
Next Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Morning Worship

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### **Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.**

#### **Members**

Bobby Brammer	Kara Moretz Campbell	Eloise Dunagan
Barry Ferrell	Tom Hale	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Rose Howard
Atwood Huff	Mary Ann Huff	Jim Maile
Nancy Maile	Jace Newman	Mac Pace
Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

#### **Friends and Family**

Hayley Gutherie – (Grand-daughter of Sheila Gutherie)  
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

#### **\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Class of 2017: Lynn Kirby, Judy Ferrell, Matt Graybill, Bob Newman, Dave Snider

Class of 2018: Dana Esworthy, Barry Ferrell, Jyke Jones, Stan Lanford, Ann Pace

Class of 2019: Margie Cundiff, John Kabana, Allen Kling, Sarah Plymale,  
Holly Woodson

