

twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?’

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON    *TRAITOR'S TRIAL: THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION*    Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN 245                      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

\*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

\*THE DOXOLOGY

### GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 246                      *Christ Is Alive!*

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are available.

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

*Acolytes*  
*Tyler Allen and Amari Gilliard*

**WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!**

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*April Twenty second the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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### GATHER JOYFULLY

#### THE PRELUDE

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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

#### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY TASK FORCE

Bob Newman

#### 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: The Lord alone is our shepherd,  
and we shall not want.

**Congregants: He watches over our path in life,  
He guards our going out and our coming in.**

Minister: He spreads the table of goodness before us,  
He anoints us with His grace,

**Congregants: His goodness and mercy are with us  
all the days of our lives.**

Minister: So come, let us worship our God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**All praise be unto You, O God,  
great Shepherd of the flock of humankind.  
You gather us as lambs needing Your love and protection,  
You carry us to places of rest and nourishment.  
You refresh our spirits like a stream of living water,  
and You choose us to be Your own.  
We gather now to hear Your Word of life,  
to share Your promise of hope,  
to respond in commitment to Your service.  
May all praise and honor be Yours  
as we bring You glory and thanksgiving.  
Through the risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN 254 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O God of forgiveness,  
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.  
We hear of Your promise amid our own sense of doubt.  
Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees.  
Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions.  
When called to follow where he leads,  
we ask to what end, and hedge our bets.  
We applaud commitment, but treasure our comfort.  
Forgive our reluctance to walk in the newness of life.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Although he was as we are, Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered; and made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all." As we confess our sins to God, Jesus the High Priest is our source of forgiveness. Trust in the word of Christ, and be redeemed. Praise be to God!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (Verse 3)

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING GOD'S WORD Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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.**

ANTHEM *Woman, Weeping in the Garden* Hymn 241 *Kingdom* ( Insert)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/ CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 22:1-6, 39-48 <sup>1</sup>Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

<sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' <sup>41</sup>Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup>'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' <sup>43</sup>Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup>In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] <sup>45</sup>When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the

*Woman, Weeping in the Garden* Hymn 241 *Kingdom*

Woman, weeping in the garden,  
who has pushed the stone aside?  
Who has taken Jesus' body;  
Jesus Christ, the crucified?

Woman, waiting in the garden,  
after men have come and gone;  
after angels give their witness,  
silently you watch the dawn.

Woman, walking in the garden,  
Jesus takes you by surprise;  
when the gardener call you, "Mary!"  
faith and joy meet in your eyes.

Woman weeping in the garden,  
weeping for joy, for you have seen  
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;  
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.

Woman, dancing from the garden,  
find the others and proclaim  
Christ is risen as he promised;  
tell the world he knew your name!

Announcements

TODAY WE BEGIN A NEW SERMON SERIES focusing on Judas, and using the setting of a trial each week to consider what spiritual lessons we might learn from his story. This morning in the "Traitor's Trial" series we look at "The Case For The Prosecution".

The congregation expresses its love and support of Lois and Bill Waddell following the death of Lois's sister-in-law this week.

Ushers for April 29, 2018 – Mac Pace

Please get newsletter items for the May/June addition of "The Link" to Debbie Newman at dnewstamp4u@cox.net by Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar

<b>Today</b>	<b>9:45 am 11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School Worship Service</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>P.W. Coordinating Team Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Sanctuary Choir</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am 11:00 am</b>	<b>Sunday School Worship Service</b>

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

**Members**

Bobby Brammer	Betty Dixon	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Betty Hinkle	Lois Hopkins
Jane Horeis	Rose Howard	Tom Kirby
Margie Lemon	Jeff Midkiff	Jim Maile
Floyd Moretz	Jenny Nabywaniec	Ramona Ortiz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Buddy Smith
Karen Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Bill Waddell	George Wingeier
Shirley Wynn		

**Friends and Family**

Mike Duckworth-(Holly Woodson's brother-in-law)  
Cindy Lanford – (daughter-in-law of Stan and Elise Lanford)

**\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

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

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Dave Snider

10:30 am

Summer Worship