

*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

On a Barrren Hilltop Hymn 217

*THE DOXOLOGY

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*THE POSTLUDE

*Indicates the People Standing

If standing is difficult, please remain seated. Larger print bulletins are provided for worshippers with compromised sight.

The sanctuary flowers are presented to the glory of God and to remember on her 114th birthday the beautiful life of Obelia Gross Camper who loved the Lord, her family, and the children she taught.

*Acolyte
Skyler Hayes*

*Ushers
Tim and Tina Paquette, Greg Theimer, Ray Williams*

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*February Twenty fifth the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Eighteen*

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38 (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 166

Lord, Who throughout These Forty days

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Congregants: O Lord my God, how great You are!

Minister: May the glory of the Lord endure forever,
may we always rejoice in His grace and compassion.

Congregants: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Minister: Let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

We glory in Your holy name, O God.

We marvel at Your wondrous works.

You gather Your people to Yourself and bless them.

You spared not Your own Son,

but sent him into the midst of this world

to redeem us of our sins.

**We gather this day to bear witness to Your majesty.
Our hearts rejoice in the promise of Your eternal love.
Our souls are cleansed by Your mercy.
Hear our voices as we sing Your praises.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN 167 *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**Saving God, our Refuge and our Fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in You.
Sometimes we fall to temptation,
and other times we are swayed by false words,
and speak false words of our own.
Too often we choose our ease and comfort
over Your demanding claims on us and this world.
Yet in turning from You, we settle
for less than the abundant generosity You offer.
Forgive us, we pray, and do not leave us
in our selfishness and sinfulness.
Hear us as we call to You, and show us Your salvation.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)
Hear Good News!
God's promises rest on the grace of His Son,
who has given his life that we might know forgiveness.
Jesus is the saving love of God in our midst,
and in him we are redeemed.
Praise be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS HYMN 468 *In My Life*
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! ²⁷ All the ends

of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ To him indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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 *Jesus Calls Us* arr. K. Lee Scott (Insert)

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

THE SECOND LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD

Luke 22:39-42, 45-53

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.'

⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' ⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit?' ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

THE SERMON "I WAS THERE: THE SLAVE WITH THE SEVERED EAR" Russ Merritt

*HYMN 228 (Verse One and Two) *Were You There*

ANTHEM *Jesus Calls Us* arr. K. Lee Scott

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me;" As, of old, the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more. "In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these." Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

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Friends and Family

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

***THE SESSION ***

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