

\*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (unison)

**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 338

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

*We welcome and thank C.W. Markham today, our guest musician.*

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

*Ushers*

*Margie Cundiff, Tom and Hope Hale, Susan Lockard*

**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

*July First the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

II Samuel 1:17-27, Psalm 130, II Corinthians 8:7-15

(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 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: As the Church, we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Congregants: We gather because we have been called to follow him.**

Minister: We come to worship him because in him we find the presence of God.

**Congregants: We come to sing his praises and give him thanks for his grace, his peace, and his promise of salvation.**

Minister: Let us worship God.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**We lift our hearts to You, O God,  
after the rest we have received through the night.  
We thank You for the beauty of the new day**

**and for the opportunity to gather now in worship.  
We pray for each person who is here before You,  
seeking to know You and to follow Your path.  
May we all experience Your presence,  
find our burdens lightened, and hear Your Word for life.  
Guide us in our worship of You in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**We have sinned this week, O Lord, in word and deed.  
We have said things we ought not to have said  
and withheld praise when it should have been given.  
We have had unkind, unholy, and unhelpful thoughts,  
and have failed to focus on Your love, peace, and joy.  
We confess our sins before You, and ask for Your grace.  
Forgive us, heal our brokenness, and teach us righteousness.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Minister)  
Hear the Good News!  
Christ has died for our sins and our failures.  
His death atones for all our inadequacies.  
He receives us now in love and forgiveness.  
Through his grace he restores us to himself.  
Praise his holy name!

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS  
*Glory Be to the Father* Hymn 581  
**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.**

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST READING GOD'S WORD Numbers 13:25-33, 14:1-10  
<sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. <sup>26</sup>And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the Israelites in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup>And they told him, 'We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. <sup>28</sup>Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large; and besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup>The Amalekites live in the land

of the Negeb; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea, and along the Jordan.' <sup>30</sup> But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.' <sup>31</sup>Then the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we are.' <sup>32</sup>So they brought to the Israelites an unfavourable report of the land that they had spied out, saying, 'The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people that we saw in it are of great size. <sup>33</sup>There we saw the Nephilim (the Anakites come from the Nephilim); and to ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.'

<sup>1</sup>Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup>And all the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron; the whole congregation said to them, 'Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup>Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become booty; would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?' <sup>4</sup>So they said to one another, 'Let us choose a captain, and go back to Egypt.' <sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the Israelites. <sup>6</sup>And Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup>and said to all the congregation of the Israelites, 'The land that we went through as spies is an exceedingly good land. <sup>8</sup>If the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. <sup>9</sup>Only, do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they are no more than bread for us; their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.' <sup>10</sup>But the whole congregation threatened to stone them. Then the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites.

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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/CHILDREN LEAVE FOR JP'S

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD II Corinthians 4:7-10

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *JULY FOURTH REFLECTIONS* Dr. Russ Merritt

Announcements

Ushers for July 8, 2018 - Bob Newman

Communion Servers – Emily Allen, Margie Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Lynn Kirby, Stan Lanford

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday July 8, 2018.

"Hunger Buster" bags will be handed out on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for the Presbyterian Community Center. Please return the bags with some of the suggested food items on July 15th, and they will be delivered to the PCC that week. Your gift can make a difference for struggling people who are clients at the Center.

The Mission Committee is going to be collecting **USED** ink cartridges. They can be business or personal ones. We will be donating them to RAM. A plastic container has been placed in the Vestibule area. We will be collecting them till the end of the year or as long as RAM is asking for them. Thanks in advance for your donation of used ink cartridges.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins at 10:30, and extends through the end of August. All services will be informal.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults and youth ages 10 and up will focus on “Bible 101” a special class introducing Bible study for all levels of learners. Class will begin at 9:30 each Sunday through the summer.

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Summer Worship / Communion

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary              Lauren Godsey, Nursery Attendant  
Ministers...Members of Northminster

**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	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

Class of 2020: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Lynn Kirby, Bob Newman,

Dave Snider

10:30 am

Summer Worship