

THE SECOND LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD Mark 14:53-65 (Insert)

THE SERMON "I WAS THERE: THE HIGH PRIEST CAIAPHAS" Russ Merritt

\*HYMN 228 (Verses One and Four) *Were You There*

\*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 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Hymn 182

\*THE DOXOLOGY

## GO FAITHFULLY

\*HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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**NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

*March Eleventh the Year of Our Lord*  
*Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION  
Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2: 1-10, John 3: 14-21  
(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: Here in this place new Light is streaming.  
**Congregants: Now is the darkness swept away.**  
Minister: Gather us in, O God, and hold us forever.  
**Congregants: Embrace us in Your love,  
and make us Your own.**  
Minister: Fill us with Your Spirit of new life,  
and touch our hearts with Your presence.  
**Congregants: Ignite the fires of hope and joy  
in our flesh and in our bone.**  
Minister: Come, let us praise and worship  
God Almighty, Christ the Redeemer,  
and the abiding Holy Spirit!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**In the glory and solemnity of this season, O God,  
we come to You as the Source of all that is good.  
We may have come for many reasons this day,  
but deep down we realize that You are the real reason.  
You have ordained and designed this day for us  
from before the time of creation,  
that we might worship You and give You glory.  
Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word,  
to draw near to You in prayer,  
to connect with one another in love and fellowship,  
and to be strengthened to serve those in need.  
Grant that we might encounter Your Spirit,  
and be transformed as the people of God.  
Through Christ we make our prayers. Amen.**

\* HYMN 209 *My Song is Love Unknown*

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God our Judge and our Redeemer we confess  
that we are a people of ashes and dust.  
We grumble and complain  
when You have provided all we need.  
We continue to walk in darkness  
when You have given the true Light for the world.  
As Your called people, we are divided in our mission,  
proud of our positions, unadventurous in our service,  
too obsessed with our own needs  
to think about the needs of others.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to find our trust and faith in You.  
Move us on our spiritual journey from where we are  
to where You want us to be and to go,  
and give us courage for each step we take.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

Christ was wounded for our transgressions.  
He was bruised for our iniquities.  
God has laid on him the chastisement of our peace,  
and by his stripes we are healed.  
I declare to you that God,

for Christ's sake, has forgiven our sin.

Amen and Amen!

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 107:1-3, 17-22

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. <sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

<sup>17</sup> Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; <sup>18</sup> they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. <sup>19</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; <sup>20</sup> he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. <sup>21</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. <sup>22</sup> And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

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 *God in Mine Eternity* Alan Bullard

God to enfold me, God to surround me,  
God in my speaking and God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping, God in my waking,  
God in my watching and God in my hoping.

God in my life, God in my lips, God in my soul,  
God in my heart, God in mine eternity.

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

## THE SECOND LESSON FROM GOD’S WORD

Mark 14:53-65

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. <sup>54</sup>Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup>For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. <sup>57</sup>Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>“We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.” ’ <sup>59</sup>But even on this point their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’ <sup>61</sup>But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ <sup>62</sup>Jesus said, ‘I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power” and “coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?’ All of them condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup>Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, ‘Prophesy!’ The guards also took him over and beat him.

Minister: Here ends this reading of God’s Word. May He bless it richly in our hearing. Friends, this is the very Word of God.

**Congregants: Thanks be to God!**

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\*THE SESSION \*

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10:30 am

Summer Worship