

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 1:21-26

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place\* in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON *A TRAITOR'S TRIAL: THE VERDICT* Dr. Merritt

\*HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

\*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 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*May Sixth the Year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen*

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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## GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 98; I John 5:1-16

(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: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

**Congregants: We worship the Lord with gladness;  
we come before God with joyful songs!**

Minister: It is God Who has made us,  
and we belong to Him.

**Congregants: We are the people of God,  
the sheep of His pastures.**

Minister: We enter His gates with thanksgiving,  
and come into His courts with praise.

**Congregants: For God is good and gracious,  
and His love endures forever.**

Minister: Come, let us worship our God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**May the strength of God pilot us this day.**

**May the power of God preserve us.**

**May the wisdom of God instruct us.**

**May the hand of God protect us.**

**May the way of God direct us.**

**May the shield of God defend us.**

**May the hosts of God guard us**

**against the snares of evil**

**and the temptations of this world.**

**May the Holy Spirit of God be with us**

**as we come before Him in our morning worship.**

**May Christ be with us, Christ before us,**

**Christ in us, Christ over us.**

**May Your salvation, O Lord, be our theme**

**this day in worship, and forevermore. Amen.**

(St. Patrick of Ireland)

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

\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ**

**You reveal the light of Your glory,**

**but too often we turn away,**

**distracted by our own plans and desires.**

**We confess that we speak when we should listen,**

**we act when we should wait,**

**and we are hesitant when we should act.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms**

**and when we give only lip service to our faith.**

**Grant us wisdom to live in Your light**

**and to follow in the way of Your beloved Son.**

**Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (unison)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God,**

**preaching good news, teaching by word and deed,**

**blessing the children and healing the sick,**

**binding up the brokenhearted, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**He was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**and delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or death**

**can separate us from the love of God**

**in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,**

**and to the Holy Spirit!**

(from the Presbyterian *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

\* 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 John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

*Love One Another*

Jane Ellen

(Insert)

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*Ushers*

*Emily Allen, John and Lee Ann Kabana, Dave Snider*

**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!**

Announcements

WE CONCLUDE OUR SPECIAL SERMON SERIES, setting the case of Judas into a trial setting and discovering the spiritual lessons this drama opens for us.

Ushers for May 13, 2018 – Allen Kling, Stan Lanford, Timothy Paquette, Dave Snider

Sunday, May 20, we will receive the Pentecost Offering for this year, one of four denomination-wide offerings we support. A gift to the Pentecost Offering is used to develop and support ministries to young people. 40% of the Pentecost Offering can be retained by the individual congregation for use to make an impact in the lives of young people in their own congregation. The remaining 60% will be used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency for ministries to youth, young adult volunteers, and children at risk. Please use the bulletin insert or check online to learn more about this important part of our ministry. We hope you will support this offering generously.

Our Summer Worship Service will begin at 10:30 AM, starting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue through August 26<sup>th</sup>. No Sunday School classes during these months.

Calendar		
Today	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Monday	5:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10:00 am	Circle 1
Next Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

**Refrain: Love one another as I love you. Love one another as I have loved you.**

**A new commandment I give to you, listen, I show you the way. If you will only do as I ask, you’ll live in heaven one day. (Refrain)**

**The Lord is the shepherd, we are the sheep, gently we are led along. Love makes us into one family, singing God’s praise with a song! (Refrain)**

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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	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

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

10:30 am

Summer Worship