

the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE EMMAUS ROAD

Dr. Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*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 Hymn 708 Verse One

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

GO FAITHFULLY

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*THE CHARGE (Minister)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

April Nineteenth the Year of Our Lord

Two Thousand Twenty

Second Sunday of Easter

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!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 111; I Peter 1:3-9; Acts 2:14a, 22-32

(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 (Verse One)

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: Peace be with you.

The Lord Jesus is with us now.

Congregants: The risen Christ is in our worship.

Minister: Jesus is the Alpha and Omega.

Congregants: He is the Lord, who was and who is and who is to come.

Minister: Let us worship the living Lord.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen,**

**have faith in Your good news,
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing.
Be with us now in our worship,
as we praise and follow the risen Lord.
Through his name we pray. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Knowing that we are immersed in sin,
yet still rejoicing in God's promise of salvation,
let us pray to the Maker of heaven and earth,
seeking His forgiveness in Christ.

* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear.
We are bound by the ways that lead to death.
We abuse the gifts of life and spirit,
and turn our backs on Your way.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust Your power
to change our lives and make all things new.
May we come to know the promised abundant life
as we trust our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from II Corinthians 5)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
Everything old is passed away,
see, everything has become new!
All of this is from God, Who reconciled us
to Himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. ² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I pray, save my life!'¹² What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

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

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹ He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵ Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all

*Indicates the People Standing

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

Thought for the Week: *I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day. Isaiah 27:3*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BY ACTION OF THE SESSION, in keeping with recommendations regarding the importance of social distancing during the current pandemic, Morning worship service gatherings will not be held next Sunday, April 26, or the following Sunday, May 3. Worship services will continue to be available by audio tape.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, All jails and prisons are on lockdown. Kairos activity's have been canceled state wide until further notice. Marie Haines

Northminster is proud to announce we have joined the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**. To participate simply go to the [kroger.com](https://www.kroger.com) website. Once logged into your **Kroger account**, you can search for **Northminster Presbyterian Church** either by name or code **PL601** and then click **Enroll**. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card*. **REMEMBER**, purchases will not count for the church until after you register your *Rewards Card*. You must swipe your registered *Kroger Rewards Card* or use the phone number that is related to your registered *Kroger Rewards Card* when shopping for each purchase to count. If a you do not yet have a *Kroger Rewards Card*, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Contact Chuck Lockard if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting our work at Northminster!

ACOLYTES AND LITURGISTS are being scheduled for 2020. If you (or your children) are interested in serving in worship services, please let the Minister know.

The new 2020 sign up sheets for ushering and communion servers are now on the bulletin board outside the church office. PLEASE SIGN UP. Anyone can help with ushering. Communion servers should be elders, active or inactive. Any questions should be directed to Judy Ferrell.

THE MINISTER'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY is offered each Sunday at 10:00, prior to worship, and is open to everyone seeking to learn more of God's teachings. Come join us each week (and bring your Bible!).

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Minister. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Minister know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

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Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer	Charlotte Cooley
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