

take him away.’<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher).<sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

#### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON      *EASTER SUNDAY FAITH IN A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD*      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

\*Indicates the People Standing

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*April Twenty sixth 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!**

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#### GATHER JOYFULLY

#### THE PRELUDE

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 34:1-10; I Peter 1:17-23; Revelation 5:11-14

(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, from Isaiah 25 selections)

Minister: O Lord, You are my God,

and I will exalt and praise Your name.

**Congregants: In perfect faithfulness**

**You have done marvelous things,**

**things planned long ago.**

Minister: You have been a refuge for the poor,

a refuge for the needy in their distress.

**Congregants: You are a shelter from the storm**

**and a shade from the heat.**

Minister: Surely this is our God.

We trusted in Him, and he saved us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (Unison)

**Almighty God, You sent Jesus, our good shepherd,  
to gather us together in Your eternal presence.  
Give us strength to follow where he leads,  
ears to hear his voice and stay near to him,  
and hearts open to his loving care.  
Be with us now, and show us Your Way.  
Through the risen Lord we pray. Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
while we were sinners, Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in him,  
we dare to approach God with confidence.  
With his assurance of God's forgiveness,  
not only of our sins but those of the whole world,  
let us now join in confessing our sins  
as a community of faith and as individuals.

\* CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

**Holy and merciful God,  
in Your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,  
and our offenses against You.  
You alone know how often we have sinned,  
in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts,  
in neglecting others, and in forgetting Your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
Forgive our sins, help us to live in Your light,  
and guide us as we seek to walk in Your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News!  
By God's great mercy,  
we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ!  
In his name and through his blood, we are forgiven.

\* RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD

Psalm 118:1-4, 14, 28-29

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures for ever! <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' <sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.' <sup>4</sup> Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'  
<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

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 CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD

John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will

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

Kidviv is zooming Thursday evenings with music from Melissa, devotion from Lauren, and prayers with Russ. Last week was on prayer and this week is on faith.

Caitlin is zooming with older youth and working on projects.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP has been cancelled next Sunday, April 26, as well as on May 3 and May 10, due to the protocol of social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. Worship will continue to be made available each week 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.

##### Members

|                  |                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Frances Bowling  | Bobby Brammer    | Charlotte Cooley |
| Michael Hambrick | Jake Hayes       | Betty Hinkle     |
| Barbara Jones    | Bob Lancaster    | Don Myers        |
| Floyd Moretz     | Ann Pace         | Mac Pace         |
| Gladys Presson   | Buddy Smith      | Sandy Smith      |
| Frances Stevens  | Jo Ann Threlkeld | Paige Wheeler    |
| Olive Whisler    | Ray Williams     |                  |

##### Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski  
Eleanor Newman – (Bob Newman's Aunt)  
Dee Woodson (Holly Woodson's daughter-in-law)  
Ann Persinger (Elise Lanford's sister-in-law)  
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)

\*THE SESSION\*

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Jeff Echols, Judy Ferrell, Vee Hayes, Lynn Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Bob Newman, Jeremy Newman, Betsy Robison, Dave Snider, Ray Williams, Gayle Wise

