

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name.
Make known the Lord's deeds among the peoples.
Glory in God's holy name!
Let the hearts of those who seek Him rejoice.
Come, let us worship God!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Almighty God,
Your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the Word of his Kingdom.
Be with us now as we seek to be fed,
and renew our spirits with Your heavenly grace.
In all our weaknesses sustain us
by Your true and living bread
Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Verses 1 and 3)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed are those who walk in the ways of our God.
We come to this time of confession, seeking His path,
aware that we have wandered on other roads
that do not lead to the promised abundant life.
Trusting God's mercy, let us admit the sinful ways
in which we have fallen short and failed to follow Jesus.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, You search our hearts and our spirits
and see the places where we are resistant to Your will.
In this time of so much upheaval and pain,
we frequently turn from those in need,
watching after our own security and well-being.
We let petty differences separate us from one another.
We allow self-interest to come before love for others.
We fail to see every person as Your child, and our brother or sister.
Forgive us, we pray, and in your grace redirect us
so that we can once again walk in Your ways.
Hear these our silent prayers.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you who are weary,
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In Jesus, there is rest from our journey, feeding for our spirits,
and most importantly, forgiveness for the burden of our sins.
Lay your guilt at his feet--he will wash you clean.
In Christ there is mercy. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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 OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 34:1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. 6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. 9 O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of us all, speak to our busy hearts,
and calm the clamor of the world around us,
so that we might hear Your Word
and know Your path for us in these days.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

THE SERMON

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 460 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (Verses 1 and 2)

Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee,
O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread
by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace,
my all in all.

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.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (Verse 1)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Thought for the Week: Job 12:10: *The life of every creature and the breath of all people are in God's hand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in this morning's worship service. Our celebration will be virtual, with no material elements. Virtual communion will be explained as the service progresses.

REMEMBER! Virtual VBS takes place this week on the evenings of Monday Aug 3 through Wednesday Aug 5. We are teaming with Bethany Christian, Williamson Road Church of the Brethren, and Huntington Court Methodist Church. Emails have been sent to those families who have school aged children (preschool-grade 12). If you are one of those families and have not received this information, please contact Frankie Bielawski. Lauren (Godsey) Axelson is heading up the crafts for Monday and Tuesday and Pam Claterbaugh is handling the bible lessons for all three evenings. Hope to "see" you there!

We will be collecting food for the Presbyterian Community Center during the month of July. Bags will be handed out to those who are attending church. If you would like to participate from home, feel free to use your own bags. Bags will be collected at the church and taken to the PCC the first week of August. If you would like to take your bags directly to the PCC, they will accept them Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

People are using our Blessing Box! If you would like to donate food or other non-perishable items for the Blessing Box, please leave them with Susie.

THE OFFERING WILL NOT BE COLLECTED and plates will not be passed during the service, to protect worshippers from any possible surface-based contagion. Plates are located in the narthex, for worshippers to place their gifts following the service.

NORTHMINSTER HAS RESUMED WORSHIP in the sanctuary. The Session has approved a number of guidelines and practices for in-person worship, due to the health concerns of us all. Please be aware of those new practices, and join us in taking steps to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. If you need a copy of the guidelines, or have thoughts you'd like to share, please contact the Minister.

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.

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!

Calendar

Today	11:00 am	Worship Service / Communion
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service

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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	Gary Harris	Jake Hayes
Betty Hinkle	Atwood Huff	Barbara Jones
Bob Lancaster	Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz
Don Myers	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Gladys Presson	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Paige Wheeler
Olive Whisler	Ray Williams	Shirley Wynn

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Barbara Simpson – (Mary Simpson's daughter-in-law)

*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

