

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10:5-15

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

I will bless the Lord at all times.

The praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord.

Let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord,

let us exalt the name of God together.

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

God of grace and goodness,

we come before You this day

in praise and thanksgiving,

seeking Your strength and blessing.

May we always do and think and say

that which is in accord with Your purpose,

so that we--who cannot live without You--

will be able to live according to Your will.

We pray through Your Son and our Savior,

Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 352

My Lord! What a Morning

(Verse 1)

Refrain:

My Lord! what a morning;

my Lord! what a morning;

O my Lord! what a morning,

when the stars begin to fall,

when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound

to wake the nations underground,

looking to my God's right hand,

when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain:

My Lord! what a morning;

my Lord! what a morning;

O my Lord! what a morning,

when the stars begin to fall,

when the stars begin to fall.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the truth of our humanity:
the very things we hate we too often do,
and that which we should do, we neglect.
We are broken by our sinfulness.
Yet through You there is forgiveness,
with You there is grace, in You there is mercy,
and the promise to give us new life.
Hear us now as we humbly confess
the many ways we have gone astray.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, You reveal Your will to us
through the Word and by the Spirit,
but so often we refuse to listen and follow.
We are immersed in our sins,
and feel trapped by guilt and shame.
We long to know the abundant life
that Jesus came to live and to give,
but we do not take up his yoke and learn from him.
Forgive us for not doing that which we know to do.
Forgive us for not being who You call us to be.
Accept our confession and repentance,
and free us from our life of sin.
Hear these our silent prayers.

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: "In me you will find rest for your souls.
My yoke is easy, my burden light."
Friends, believe the good news: through Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven! Praise 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 Matthew 24:35-36, 42-44

³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁶‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 10:1-2, 12-18

¹ Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? ² In arrogance the wicked persecute the poor—let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

¹² Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed. ¹³ Why do the wicked renounce God, and say in their hearts, 'You will not call us to account'? ¹⁴ But you do see! Indeed you note trouble and grief, that you may take it into your hands; the helpless commit themselves to you; you have been the helper of the orphan. ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evildoers; seek out their wickedness until you find none.

¹⁶ The Lord is king for ever and ever; the nations shall perish from his land. ¹⁷ O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; you will strengthen their heart, you will incline your ear ¹⁸ to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
so that as Your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what You say to us this day.
Through Christ, the living Word, we pray. Amen.

THE SERMON

THE END OF EVIL

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(Verses 1 and 4)

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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.

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* (Verses 1 and 2)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on

THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Thought for the Week: *This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas-His hand the wonders wrought. Hymn "This is my Father's World"*

Announcements

OUR AUGUST SERMON SERIES will be "Basic Christian Beliefs", focusing on several affirmations of faith in the Apostles' Creed. This morning we will consider "He shall come to judge the living and the dead."

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS, our regional governing court, will hold its quarterly meeting via Zoom this Saturday. Our elder representatives to the meeting will be Bob and Frankie Bielawski.

OUR CHURCH SECRETARY SUSIE TALLMAGE will be on vacation this coming week, so there will be no one covering the office. If you have church business, or need to speak with someone, please call the Minister at 493-9622, the Treasurer at 797-2008, or the Clerk of Session at 354-2461.

The Presbyterian Center is in need of school supplies and asking for donations. A list of supplies needed is on the bulletin board across from the secretary's office.

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
Next Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service

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Ministers...Members of Northminster

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
Atwood Huff	Barbara Jones	Bob Lancaster
Homer Linton	Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz
Don Myers	Ann Pace	Mac Pace
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Frances Stevens
Jo Ann Threlkeld	Shirley Wynn	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
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