

THE SERMON

*LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD*

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

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 761

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

THE CHARGE (Minister)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Larger print bulletins are available.

**Thought for the Week: *You take care of the land and water it; you make it very fertile. The rivers of God are full of water, Grain grows because you make it grow. Psalm 65:9***

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*June Fourteenth the Year of Our Lord*

*Two Thousand Twenty*

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**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 46; Romans 3:22b - 28; Matthew 7:21-29

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory,  
but by the grace of God we are redeemed.

We gather to remember what Jesus has said and done.

In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled.

Be glad and rejoice! He is our salvation!

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Lord God of all times and places, all people and all nations,

You have revealed Your Will for our lives

and promised us Your saving presence.

As we gather now in worship and praise,

may we hear and do what You command,

that Your grace will be known throughout the world.

We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 54

*Make a Joyful Noise to God! (Verse 3)*

*Psalm 66*

## GROW SPIRITUALLY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus knows our names, he calls us,  
and offers us abundant life.  
God's goodness and mercy follow us  
all the days of our lives.  
Trusting in these sure promises,  
let us confess our sins to God and one another.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God of judgement and mercy,  
You seek us when we are lost  
and guide us in the paths of life.  
Yet so often we turn away from You  
and heed the temptations of other paths.  
You know us by name, and yet we ignore Your call  
and instead go our own way.  
Forgive us for our failures to follow You.  
Quiet the noise around and within us  
so that we might hear Your Word  
and obey Your Will.  
Forgive us, calm our troubled spirits,  
lead us, carry us, and guide us through Your gate.  
Hear these our silent prayers.

### THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even though we walk in the darkest valley,  
we need not fear evil, or our own failures.  
God is with us, He forgives and transforms us,  
He comforts and protects us.  
Friends, believe the Good news:  
through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### 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.

### THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, <sup>9</sup> who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. <sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; <sup>12</sup> you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. <sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows, <sup>14</sup> those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. <sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah <sup>16</sup> Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. <sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. <sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

### 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 John 15:15-27

<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. <sup>18</sup> 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> Whoever hates me hates my Father also. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, "They hated me without a cause." <sup>26</sup> 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 RESUME 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	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	

#### Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski  
Eleanor Newman – (Bob Newman's Aunt)  
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

