

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

APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:1-11

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

HYMN OF PRAISE 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (Verses 1-3)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! He is risen indeed!
Let us worship our resurrected Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Glory to You, O God.
You have won victory over death,
raising Jesus from the grave

and giving us eternal life.
Glory to you, O Christ.
For us and for our salvation you overcame death
and opened the gate to everlasting life.
Glory to You, Holy Spirit.
You lead us into the truth.
Be with us now in our worship and celebration,
in Your Word and at Your Table,
as we give You alone all glory. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

THE PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to Your Word for us,
may Your Holy Spirit rest upon us.

As we gather at the open door of an empty tomb,
may that life and the light shine upon us.

Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking,
in our doing, in our believing, in our living.

Through the risen Lord we pray. Amen.

THE SERMON

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

DR. MERRITT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 277 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* (Verses 1 and 2)

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

All the fair beauty of earth from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year now with its Master returns: [Refrain]

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all: [Refrain]

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

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 233 *The Day of Resurrection!* (Verse 1)

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

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Thought for the Week: *For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.* Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (verse 2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to our Northminster family for the prayers, cards, calls, texts, food and tulips that we have received during Susan's continuing treatments. Your love and support are deeply appreciated. Love, Susan and Chuck Lockard

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter egg hunt. It continues to be a great tradition for the kids of Northminster.

THE MINISTER IS ON VACATION THIS COMING WEEK. Pam Claterbaugh will lead us in worship next Sunday, and is on call for any pastoral emergencies.

A NEW ONLINE "ZOOM" BIBLE STUDY begins Wednesday evening, April 14, at 7:00. If interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Also, there will be a training session for persons needing help with Zoom next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.

THE DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY IS MAKING PLANS for children and their families to return to church. Parents are invited to share their thoughts and ideas with Frankie Bielawski, Ministry liaison.

We delivered 17 Hunger Buster bags to the Presbyterian Community Center. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Envelopes are available for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. They will be collected today.

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.

Calendar

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

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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

Jessee Amos	Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton	Susan Lockard
Floyd Moretz	Mary Moretz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith
Frances Stevens	Jo Ann Threlkeld	Ray Williams

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)
Tim Smith (Karen's husband)

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Kathy Baker, Bob Bielawski, Frankie Bielawski, Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Judy Ferrell, Tom Hale, Vee Hayes, Daniel Kirby, Chuck Lockard, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Jeremy Newman, Gayle Wise