

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

*July 4, 2021*  
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GATHER JOYFULLY**

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 370 *This Is My Father's World*

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)

Minister: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have rescued me.

**Congregants: I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.**

Minister: O Lord, You brought my soul up from the Pit.

**Congregants: You have restored my life.**

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, all God's faithful people.

**Congregants: Give thanks to God's holy name!**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

**God of peace, of justice, of compassion,**

**our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,**

**You have called us to proclaim Your Kingdom.**

**Give us courage like You gave Your apostles and disciples,  
so that we may faithfully give witness to Your love.**

**Be with us now as we bring our praise and thanksgiving,  
and speak to us of eternal things.**

**We pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 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 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

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.**

TRIO

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*  
Bob Bielawski, Tom Hale, Russ Merritt

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

*E PLURIBUS UNUM*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West* (Verses 1 and 3)

\*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 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (Verses 1 and 2)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

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***Thought for the Week: The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the pine trees. The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the rabbits. Psalm 104:16-18***

**EARTH CARE: Don't buy what you don't need. It may seem obvious, but asking yourself, "Do I really need this?" can save both money and plastic.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY SHARES ITS LOVE AND SUPPORT

with Maruma Warren and family, following the death of Jim last Sunday. We give praise to God for His goodness in Jim's life, for the assurance of our salvation in Christ, and for Jim's final victory. Please continue to keep Maruma in your prayers.

Many thanks to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. The four churches each brought talents and loving workers. A big shout out to our members who graciously gave of their time and resources. Chuck Lockard, Lynn Kirby, Hope Hale, Bob Bielawski, Kathy Baker, and Russ Merritt. It happened because of you!!

Frankie Bielawski

Liaison, Discipleship Committee

If you have any books that you have read and don't know what to do with them, please bring them to the church for the "Little Free Library". We are need of children's books-any age and can use current adult books. Thanks, again for your support of this project.

JUST A REMINDER: there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins.

ONLINE "ZOOM" BIBLE STUDY is being held on Wednesday evenings, at 7:00. If someone wants to join the zoom Bible study please contact the church secretary.

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.

As warm weather approaches and you start getting out your warm weather clothes, please remember that we are collecting coats and cold-weather shoes that you may be thinking about replacing for Blue Ridge Literacy. Thank you for your support of this project.

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                      10:30 am                      Morning Worship

Next Sunday              10:30 am                      Morning Worship

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Susie Tallmage, Secretary              Lauren Axelson, Nursery Attendant  
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**

Jessee Amos	Frances Bowling	Bobby Brammer
Charlotte Cooley	Jim Cregger	Michael Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Lois Hopkins	Barbara Jones
Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling	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  
Woody Huff (Mary Anne Huffs son)  
Nancy Assaid (Sherry Moses' sister)  
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)  
Berkley Persinger (Elise Lanford's cousin)

**\*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