

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

MARCH 7, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Exodus 10:1-17; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 1:18-25

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

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

SILENT MEDITATION

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 22)

All the ends of the earth shall remember, and turn to God.
God's face is not hidden from us, His grace not withheld.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and God rules over all creation.
Come, let us worship and adore Him!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

Our holy and heavenly Father,
may Your Spirit be with us this day
as we seek to know Your Will and to follow Your path.
You alone are our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
and we bring now our praise and adoration.
Bless us, and our worship, we pray,
through Your Incarnate Presence, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE 417 *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (Verses 1 And 2)

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin.
From earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife.

In all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. ²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

THE PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE HYMN 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Luke 22:39-42, 45-53

³⁹ He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' ⁴¹ Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴² 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.'

⁴⁵ When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' ⁴⁹ When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' ⁵⁰ Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and

healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

HYMN 228

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

"Were you there when they crucified our Lord?
Were you there when they crucified our Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified our Lord?"
O God Who brings light to our darkness,
in our sinfulness we were there.
But now we come before You to hear Your Word,
to know Your Way, to be transformed as Your disciples.
Open our ears, our hearts, our spirits, we pray. Amen.

THE SERMON

WE WERE THERE: THE SLAVE

Dr. Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 497 *Bread of Life from Heaven* (Verse 1)

Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.

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 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory (Verses 1)*

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

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Thought for the Week:

Global Warming isn't hard to explain It leaves Mother Earth crying with excruciating pain. Mother Nature can't do it all so let's give her a rest. We all need to try and do what is best. Our planet earth is precious and can't be replaced

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in need of individually wrapped candy for the annual Easter egg hunt. If you can donate candy please leave it in the church office by March 21.

Our Easter egg hunt will be held at 11am on April 3 for K thru 5th graders. Mask are required for kids and adults at the hunt. Bring a basket to use to hunt.

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

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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	Maryanne Huff	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