

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

***April 17, 2022***  
***Easter Sunday***



***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!***

## GATHER JOYFULLY

### THE PRELUDE

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25; I Corinthians 15:19-26

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

### REFITTING OF THE SANCTUARY/CHURCH

### BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

#### GATHERING SONG (unison)

**This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made!**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made!**

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 232      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

#### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Congregants: Alleluia! He is risen indeed!**

Minister: This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Minister: Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.

**Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Minister: He comes now to us, that we might believe  
and share his love and gospel to the world.

**Congregants: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Minister: Come, let us worship the Lord of life!

#### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**Glory to You, O God of grace and glory.**

**You have won victory over death**

**by the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
raising him from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

**In his death on the cross we find redemption,  
and through Your Holy Spirit  
You guide, protect, and strengthen us each day.  
Grant us the resolve to die daily to our sinfulness,  
so that we might live with him  
in the hope, joy, and assurance of his resurrection.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear good news! Christ himself bore our sins  
in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin,  
we can live for righteousness.  
Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven! Praise be to God!

**\*RESPONSE HYMN 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* (Verse 1)**

"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** Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ANTHEM**

*Concertato on 'Thine Is the Glory'*

Robert J. Powell

**THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD** Matthew 27:62 - 28:10

<sup>62</sup> The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup>and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." <sup>64</sup>Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the

first.’ <sup>65</sup>Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.’ <sup>66</sup>So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

#### THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of Your risen Word.**

**Enliven our hearts with Your Holy Spirit.**

**Startle us with Your truth.**

**Open our hearts and minds to the good news  
that Jesus Christ is risen indeed.**

**Open our spirits and our intellects to the news  
that he is Lord of life, even over death,  
and that love shall never lose, throughout eternity,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE SERMON

*FEAR NOT*

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 277 *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* (Verse 1-4)

\*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 236      *The Strife Is O'er*

CHARGE Christ is risen, so fear nothing!

Go forth in the name of Jesus,  
our risen and ever-present Lord,  
living always his commandment  
to love one another as he has loved us.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marie Haines would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and expressions of love following her hip replacement surgery. I hope to be back in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday

**THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** will meet this Thursday, April 21, at 8:30 at Famous Anthony's

**THE MINISTRIES OF THE SESSION** will meet next Sunday following the morning worship service. Lunch will be provided. **EVERYONE** interested in sharing in the work of the church is invited to join us. For more information, contact the Minister.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all who participated in our SunnySide collection of sundries/toiletries, etc.; it was a huge success. A representative from SunnySide will be picking up the collection in early May. Judy Moore/Sherry Moses

Northminster delivered 16 bags of food and one cash donation to the Presbyterian Center. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Hunger Buster!

### Calendar

Today	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Easter Service / Communion
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Famous Anthony's
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Sunday School Worship Service Ministries of the Session Meeting

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If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Pastor. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Pastor know.

**Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.**

**Members**

Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey	Bernie Barger
Frances Bowling	Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick
Jake Hayes	Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer
Reba Kling	Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton
Chuck Lockard	Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz
Ann Pace	Mac Pace	Ken Riding
Buddy Smith	Sandy Smith	Helen Taylor
Jo Ann Threlkeld		

**Friends and Family**

Joaquin Bielawski  
Donna Betters (Sherry Moses)  
Terry Foss (Sherry Moses)  
John Morris (Sherry Moses)

**\*THE SESSION \***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Tom Hale, Gary Harris, Vee Hayes, Jyke Jones, Daniel Kirby, Lynn Kirby, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Dora Slee, Gayle Wise