

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

***April 24, 2022***  
***Second Sunday of Easter***



***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 5:27-32; Psalm 2; Revelation 1:4-8

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

### 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 233      *The Day of Resurrection!*

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

Minister: Arise and shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Minister: Nations will come to his light,

and rulers will seek his radiance.

**Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Minister: He will judge the people with righteousness,  
and defend the cause of the poor.

**Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Minister: The mystery of the ages is revealed,  
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

**Congregants: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Minister: Let us kneel down before him  
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Come, let us worship our God!

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

**God of grace and God of glory,  
risen Lord and ever-present Holy Spirit,  
we come before You in praise and thanksgiving.**

**Through Your blessed presence with us,  
we come now to this time and place in worship and adoration.  
You have called us to be Your Body, nurtured and guided us,  
You have given us gifts to serve, and called us to follow.  
We know well that we have fallen short,  
and have sinned against You in word and deed.  
In Your mercy, forgive us, let us hear Your Word,  
and direct what we shall be, that we might walk in Your path.  
Hear these our silent prayers.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 236      *The Strife Is O'er*

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **GROW SPIRITUALLY**

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

THE WEEK AFTER

Russ Merritt

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

\*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 238 *Thine Is the Glory*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

## OUR SERVICE

\*Indicates the People Standing

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*We welcome and thank Debbie McCorkindale today  
for leading the music.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRIES OF THE CONGREGATION meet today following the worship service. EVERY member of the church family is invited to join us to serve in ministry, with Stewardship, Fellowship, Discipleship, or Worship Ministry teams. Lunch will be served.

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

Our church has sent \$500 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund. This money will provide assistance to those Ukrainians who are fleeing to neighboring countries. Initial assistance being provided includes shelter, food, clothing, blankets, baby food and diapers, other hygiene supplies, flashlights and candles, generators and fuel. If you would like to add money to this fund, please make your check to Northminster and add DR000156-Ukraine on the "for line".

It's that time of year when you start thinking of putting away your "cold weather" clothes and getting out your "warm weather" clothes. If you have coats that you may be replacing next year or any children's winter clothing, please consider donating it to Blue Ridge Literacy. You can leave them in the narthex.

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

## Calendar

Today	10:00 – 10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Ministries of the Congregation

Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am	Sunday School
	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 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