

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

May 5, 2022
Fifth 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

Psalm 148; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Acts 16:9-15

(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 268 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minister: We come to this time and this place seeking something.

**Congregants: We also come as people who are sought
by the One Whose other name is Love.**

Minister: So let us enter this time of worship

with hearts and minds and spirits open to hear and follow.

**Congregants: Let us give ourselves to God, in praise,
in worship, in adoration.**

Minister: Come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

**God of wisdom and mercy, God of power and of peace,
You have created a world of beauty,
a world where each person has a place in Your love.
We praise You, and ask Your presence with us
as we come to You seeking Your blessing,
and as we gather to share in fellowship around Your Word.
But we also come to hear Your words of forgiveness,
for we do not always love You or one another.
We seek Your grace for the times we have neglected others,
the times we have turned our backs on those who suffer,
the times when we have not seen Your image in our lives,**

**the times we have strayed from Your path for us.
Forgive us, free us, and show us again the path of love.
Hear these our silent prayers.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* (Verse 1)

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD I John 4:7-14

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

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.

ANTHEM

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers (Hymn 231)

Welsh melody, 'Suo Gan'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried, and were saved; in you

they trusted, and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads ⁸ ‘Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’ ⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast. ¹⁰ On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. ¹² Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shrivelled; ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: 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 OF ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON

LAMENT

Russ Merritt

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 316 *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

*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 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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Thought for the month of May:

The Lord made the earth, using his wisdom. He set the sky in place, using his understanding. With his knowledge, he made springs flow into rivers and the clouds drop rain on the earth. Proverbs 3: 19-20

Earth Care: Since we are now in the mowing season follow this "green" tip. When you mow, "grasscycle" by leaving grass clippings on your lawn instead of bagging them. The clippings will return nutrients to the soil instead of taking up space in the landfills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, May 19th, at 8:30 at Famous Anthony's

The Red Sox baseball team is hosting their Faith and Family night on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Discipleship committee thought this would be a great chance to get families together for a night of fellowship. We will get a block of reserved tickets. Please let Susie know if your family is interested in attending. The tickets will be paid for and all you have to do is pick them up and join us at the ball field.

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 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service
Thursday	8:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Next Sunday	10:00 – 10:45 am 11:00 am	Sunday School Worship Service

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Melissa Hudson, Music Director
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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
Shirley Basham (Sherry Moses)
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