



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata Op. 2 No. 1 “Adagio”
Offered by James Armfield

Ludwig Von Beethoven

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

This is the good news—the grave is empty;

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

This is the good news—

the light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness can never put it out.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

This is the good news—

once we were no people;

now we are God’s people.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,

the indestructible peace

we now share with each other.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Christ,

who lived to show what life is like,

who died to show that sin is death,

who rose to raise us up to life eternal,

help us to follow you and love you forever.

**As in Emmaus,
stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent,
and we have not yet recognized your face
in each of our sisters and brothers.
Stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent,
and we have not yet shared your bread in grace
with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent,
and we have not listened to your Word
in the words of our sisters and brothers.
Stay with us, blessed stranger,
because our very night becomes day when you are there.
Hear now our prayers ...**

Assurance of Mercy

*Response to Forgiveness #581

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Passing the Peace

LISTENING

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Hymn #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Easter: Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given

DEPARTING

Hymn #267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Affirmation of Faith — Presbyterian Declaration of Faith

Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead.

The risen Lord appeared to his followers.

They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified.

Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people
the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always.

We are certain that Jesus lives.

**He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.**

He lives as one of us with God.

**Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.**

His lordship is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

**But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.
We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord'
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

Departing Prayer

Benediction

Response

Northumbria Community

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors.

Postlude

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INFORMATION

Welcome to our guests!

If you are worshipping online with us for the first time, we are so thankful to have you watching. We hope that the word of God gives you peace and encouragement and you will plan to join us in person when we are able to reopen our doors for public gatherings.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Ralph welcomes and encourages opportunities to share in fellowship, pastoral conversation, and spiritual discernment. He keeps office hours most mornings at the church, but is always available by appointment. You are always welcome to call or text at 478-250-3355 or to reach out by email: pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org

Lectionary Readings

April 26, 3rd Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

May 3, 4th Sunday of Easter – Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office at 477-6646, or you could join us at our prayer group that meets the third Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in Room 108.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Riley Brown; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; John Geerlings; Grace Goodwin; Edward Gleaton, Jr. & Family; Mary Ann Ellis; Kathy Wheeler; Andy Weaver; Al & Barbara Fatkin

Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Nelda Crow; Katherine Crownover

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; T. Wright Goodwin, IV; James C. Watwood; Joshua Sulkers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The schedule for all Sunday events, including morning connections, worship, and yoga, will be evaluated on a weekly basis and publicized via email and Facebook. If you or someone you know is either not receiving the emails or need to receive a phone call with updates, please let Jennifer know (admin@northminstermacon.org or 478-477-6646)

40 Days of Easter Food Drive

Each non-Sunday day in the Easter season, beginning after Easter Sunday, add an item to a box for Loaves & Fishes and its ministry with our homeless and indigent neighbors here in Macon. When halfway or completely filled, bring your box to the church or contact the church office and we will send one of our older youth who drive out to your house to pick it up. Please be sure to only include food packaged in boxes, cans, or plastic containers. **Loaves and Fishes cannot accept glass non-perishables.** Items you can collect this week include:

Monday – box of crackers

Wednesday – box of oatmeal

Friday – can of spaghetti sauce

Tuesday – box of cereal

Thursday – package of spaghetti

Saturday – chicken noodle soup

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our calling at Northminster is to make disciples, to grow in faith together, and to serve others in Christ.

CONGREGATION: Ministers of the Good News

SESSION of Ruling Elders: Sam Alderman, III; Boyd Ellison; Judy Hill; Ricky Smith; Ann Weaver;
Emily Brown; Beau Kitchens; Lynn Denny; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate
SANDRA SMITH, Music Director KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session
BENJAMIN GAIL, Sexton JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

Office hours this week: Various

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