



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

GATHERING

Prelude

Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God
Tom & Doris Granum

Gordon Young
arr. Ovid Young

Greeting

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Today's call to worship is a version of an ancient Easter hymn of praise known as the *Exultet*.

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,

radiant in the brightness of your King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!

Darkness vanishes forever!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

Rejoice, O mother church!

Exult in glory!

The risen Savior shines upon you!

Let this place resound with joy,

echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!

Sing, choirs of angels!

Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! Amen.

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 abundant and eternal,
help us to follow you and love you forever.
Hear our silent prayers of confession,
and send your Holy Spirit among us
to show us the spaces and places
in need of your healing love ...**

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.**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Hymn #463

How Firm a Foundation

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Sermon

Easter: He goes ahead of us

Meditation

The Gift of Love
Sandy Smith & Pat McCall

Hal Hopson

DEPARTING

Hymn #326

For All the Saints

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

May 10, 5th Sunday of Easter – Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 17, 6th Sunday of Easter – Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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

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 – container of grits

Tuesday – canned chicken

Wednesday – canned fruit cocktail

Thursday – canned potatoes

Friday – boxed potatoes

Saturday – Box of Stuffing mi

Pastor Ralph offers his heartfelt thanks to members Rex & Nita Tidwell for the opportunity to film for the sermon on their beautiful property in Monroe County.

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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