



# NORTHMINSTER

## *Presbyterian Church*

### 6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:30am

#### GATHERING

Welcome

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

Prelude

*Meditation*  
Calista Koch, harp

Bach/Gounod/Milligan

Call to Worship — based on Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things in our lives.

**God's strong hand and holy arm  
have worked salvation for our good.**

The Lord has made this salvation known  
and revealed God's righteousness to the nations.

**God has remembered this everlasting love  
and God's faithfulness to the people.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music.**

Make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of our singing.

**Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done marvelous things in our lives.**

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn #246

*Christ Is Alive!*



Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

**CONFESSING**

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

**Lord of Easter life,  
to you we turn once again.  
Bring new life where we are worn and tired;  
new love where we have turned hard-hearted;  
forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded ...**

[silence]

To all and to each,  
on his community and on his friends,  
where sorrow or remorse are real,  
Jesus pronounces his pardon  
and grants us the right to begin again.

**Thanks be to God for this!  
Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

\*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.**

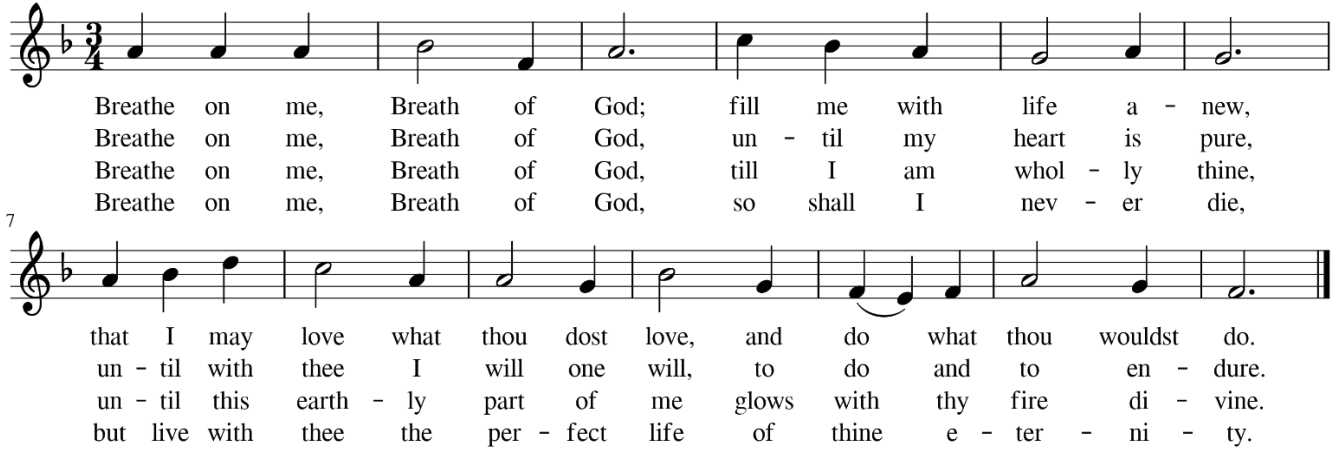
Signs of Peace

**LISTENING**

Prayers of the People

Hymn #286

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*



Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,  
 that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Interlude

Calista Koch, harp

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon

**I now call you Friends**

\*Hymn #298

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*



Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;  
 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you  
 preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,  
 and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend, and a - mid the  
 to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:  
 with the Spir - it's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

## SENDING

\*Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*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 & Announcements

### Welcome to our guests!

Whether you are sharing in the worship of God with us for the first time, visiting with family or friends, or returning for a visit to your home church, we welcome you today in the name of Jesus. Please share some contact information with us so we can follow up with you and make a place for you in our weekly fellowship. You may email our church office at [admin@northminstermacon.org](mailto:admin@northminstermacon.org) or by scanning the QR code to the right.



### 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](mailto:pastorhawkins@northminstermacon.org)

### Lectionary Readings

May 9, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 16, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

### PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a need or a request for prayer, please contact the church office.

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Karen Jones; Jewel James; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; John Hurst; Jon Geerlings; Kathy Wheeler; Fran Mayhew; Betty Barlow; Suzann Smith; Jack Gleaton; Donna Shuford; Frank Clark

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

Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; James C Watwood; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine

### Pentecost Special Offering

A foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults. A special offering envelope will be provided on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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: Kari Alderman; Emily Brown; Lynn Denny; Roland Hill; Jan Hirsh; Beau Kitchens; Melissa McDougald; Charlotte Nolan; Sandra Ridgeway; Minor Vernon

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:** Monday - Friday 8:00-1:00

