



NORTHMINSTER

Presbyterian Church

...making disciples, growing in faith together and serving others in Christ

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30am

Mother's Day

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's numerous blessings.**

Praise the Lord, God's angels and creatures,
you mighty ones who do God's ministry, who obey God's word.

Praise the Lord, all God's heavenly hosts – you servants who do God's will.

Praise the Lord, all God's works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

*Hymn #15

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSING

Call to Confession

Prayers of Confession

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us for our lukewarm love and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when we think we need to solve all our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our sometimes barren lives of fruit, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

**In this and in so many other ways,
we confess our many shortcomings.**

Hear our prayers ...

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture – Psalm 103:8-13

Response to Forgiveness #581

Glory Be to the Father

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, amen.

Affirmation of Faith — 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.

*Passing the Peace

Announcements and Invitations

Thanksgiving for our Mothers of Faith

Gathering our Offerings

Offertory Music

*Response — Doxology #606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LISTENING

*Prayers of Thanksgiving

Hymn #315 (remain seated)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

[*refrain*] God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? [*refrain*]

As we stand, a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. [*refrain*]

We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. [*refrain*]

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. [*refrain*]

Scripture – Colossians 3:1-17

Sermon – Dressed to the Nines for Jesus

*Hymn #729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart,
in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart,
in my heart, Lord I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart,
in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

DEPARTING

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace; perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever.
May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Postlude



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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Current Member Concerns: Ann R. Smith; Ann Hall; Jane Ebey; Kathy Wheeler; Frank & Evelyn Clark; Lynn Southerland; Tom Jones; Nancy Miles; Kathy McCord - Current Friends and Family Concerns: Margaret Yawn; Donna Carole Kitchens; Joel Jones; Nelda Crow; Sara Walcott - Military Personnel Prayer List: Austin Riley; Joshua Sulkers; Isaac Falkenstine (Bonnie Diboll's grandson); Walker Wright (Mayhew's grandson); James Watwood

Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by the children of Virginia Cowser in celebration of her 90th birthday, and in honor of all mothers.

Northminster T-Shirts

T-shirts featuring the late Gene Kelly's sketch of Northminster are available for pre-order! See your blue response sheet for the order form or email Jennifer at admin@northminstermacon.org. Shirts are \$20 each and any proceeds will go to our youth ministry.

Pastor Ralph's Summer Schedule

From May 15–31, pastor Ralph will be on vacation. In celebration of Ella's graduation from high school, they will be road-tripping around the state of Colorado — enjoying creation's great western beauty and, of course, riding a great many historic trains! If during that time you have need of a pastoral presence, please reach out to Jennifer in our office or elder Genny Whitaker (478-731-5248). They will have access to pastors in our presbytery cluster, such as Rev. Curtis White at St. Andrews church and our Executive Presbyter, Rev. Deb Tregaskis. Ralph's time away includes the Sundays of May 21 and 28. We are excited to have Rev. Fairy Caroland preach on May 21. Fairy is a retired PCUSA minister who recently moved to Macon and who worships with us from time to time. On May 28, Pentecost Sunday, our EP Deb Tregaskis will bring the preaching for us.

Youth Activities

June 4th at 6pm, the youth will gather at the church for dinner and a movie, showing Jesus Revolution. The youth will have additional gatherings throughout the summer, including a study on prayer and lake day, where all school-aged children will be invited! Dates and details are forthcoming. If you would like to help provide a meal or lead one of the pre-planned lessons on any Sunday night, please let Donna Shuford know (dwshuford@yahoo.com).

Pentecost 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. There will be a special offering envelope in your May 28 bulletin.

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; Jeff Denny; Barbara Fatkin;
Nita McCord; Jinny McDuffie; Ray Mosely; Michael Napier; Donna Shuford; Minor Vernon; Genny Whitaker

RALPH HAWKINS, Pastor and Teaching Elder PAUL EVANS, Parish Associate GUNNER CHANCEY, Director of Music
KAREN JONES, Clerk of Session JENNIFER WHITEHEAD, Ministry Assistant

In-Office hours this week: Sunday, Wednesday-Friday 9:00-1:00

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