

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Welcomes You to Worship

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude

“Leibster Jesu”

WALTHER

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Diana Harrison

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Hymn

“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

Glory to God

Call to Confession

Diana Harrison

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other “gods” — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Diana Harrison

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life.

People: Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own. Thanks be to God!

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

New Testament Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Leader: Hear now what The Spirit is saying to The Church

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music

“You Raise Me Up”

arr. SHACKLEY

Sermon

“Tending to Yourself and Others”

Rev. Alex Creager of Stone House Presbyterian Church reads the Scripture Reading and Rev. Rachel Hebert, Associate Pastor of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church gives the Sermon.

Responding to the Word

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Hymn

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Glory to God

Benediction

Closing Chorus

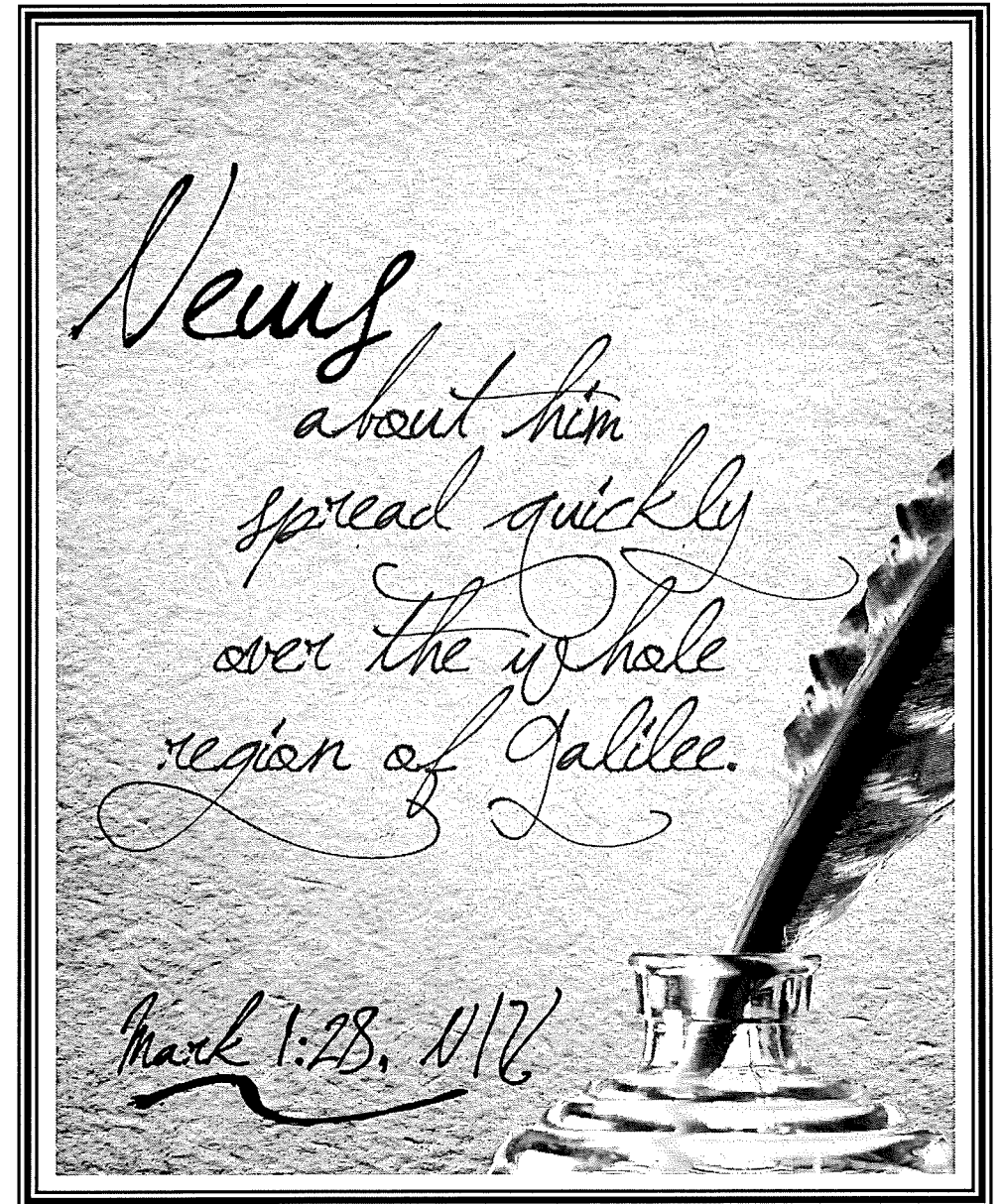
“Go Now in Peace”

BESIG

Postlude

“Air”

PURCELL



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Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Today's liturgy is provided by Rev. Roger Gench of The Presbyterian Outlook

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