

# Northminster Presbyterian Church

*Welcomes You to Worship*

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

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

## Prelude

“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

ENCHIRIDION  
HARMONY—JOHNSON

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

### \*Call to Worship

Kevin Creager

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Though we find ourselves isolated in homes, apartments, and residential places,

People: **yet, we would listen to the birds singing, reminding us that the whole creation rejoices in the love of our God.**

Leader: Though we cannot reach out and touch our friends and neighbors,

People: **we would rejoice that Jesus is in our midst, holding out hands of grace and hope to us!**

Leader: Though we have to stand at a safe distance from others, whispering hello through masks,

People: **we know that the Spirit is all around us, breathing peace on us in these moments, surrounding us with grace and hope.**

## Hymn

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

Glory to God

## Call to Confession

Kevin Creager

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We isolate ourselves from the struggles of the world and wonder if we will ever find our way back. Even in these moments, we could do more for others, but multiply their sorrows by our focusing more on ourselves and our needs. We see the ones who are risking their lives to care for those they don't even know, and grumble that they could be doing more.

Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Silence is kept for individual confession of sins*

Leader: Amen

## Assurance of Pardon

Kevin Creager

Leader: It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

People: **Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Illumination

#### First Reading

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 133

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

#### Second Reading

New Testament Lesson

John 20:19-31

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

#### Special Music

“Ancient Words”

arr. SHACKLEY

#### Sermon

“Wounded Christ”

Rev. Dwight McCormick

### Responding to the Word

### Stewardship Reminder

#### Affirmation of Faith—The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For humanity and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn	“Day of Arising”	Glory to God
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	“Go Now in Peace”	BESIG
Postlude	“Allegretto”	SCHOLZE

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

Today's liturgy is provided by Rev. Thomas M. Shuman of  
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