



# NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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Second Sunday of Easter | April 12, 2026 | 10:00 am

(\*For those who are able, please stand)

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Andy Longo

#### PRELUDE

"Fugue in D Major, BWV 532" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

**and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.**

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

**Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.**

#### \* HYMN NO. 254

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" | *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God the risen Christ, we experience your presence,  
but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.

We look down on those who ask for proof,  
we scorn those who scoff at our faith.

Forgive us.

Soften our hearts.

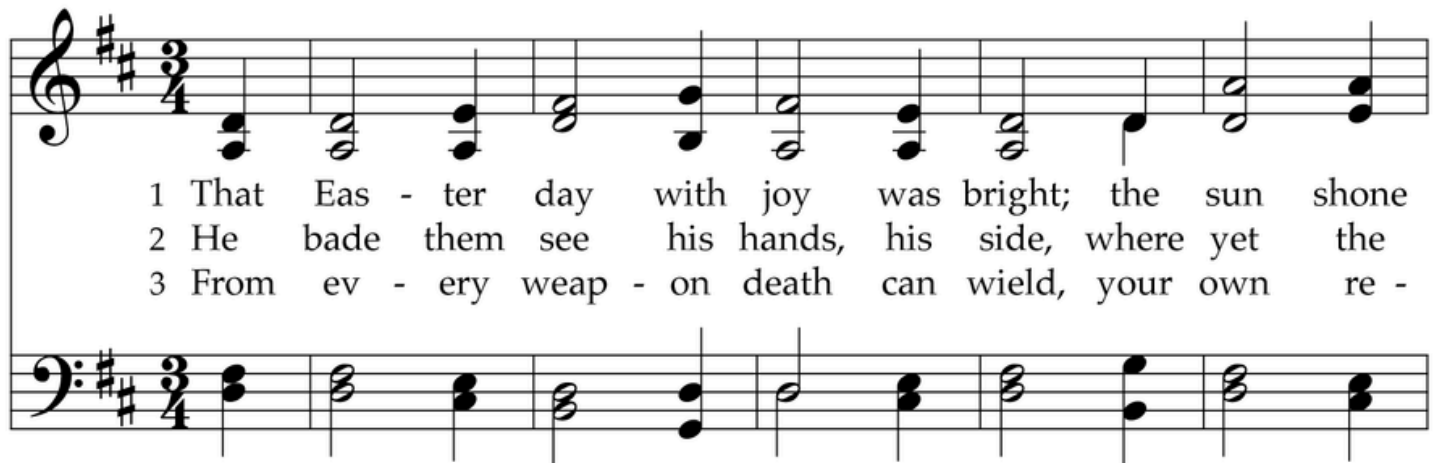
Remind us of our own human doubts,  
that we might have compassion for all  
and freely share your grace.

Guide us back into your presence,  
that we may know the fullness of joy.

#### \* SILENT CONFESSION



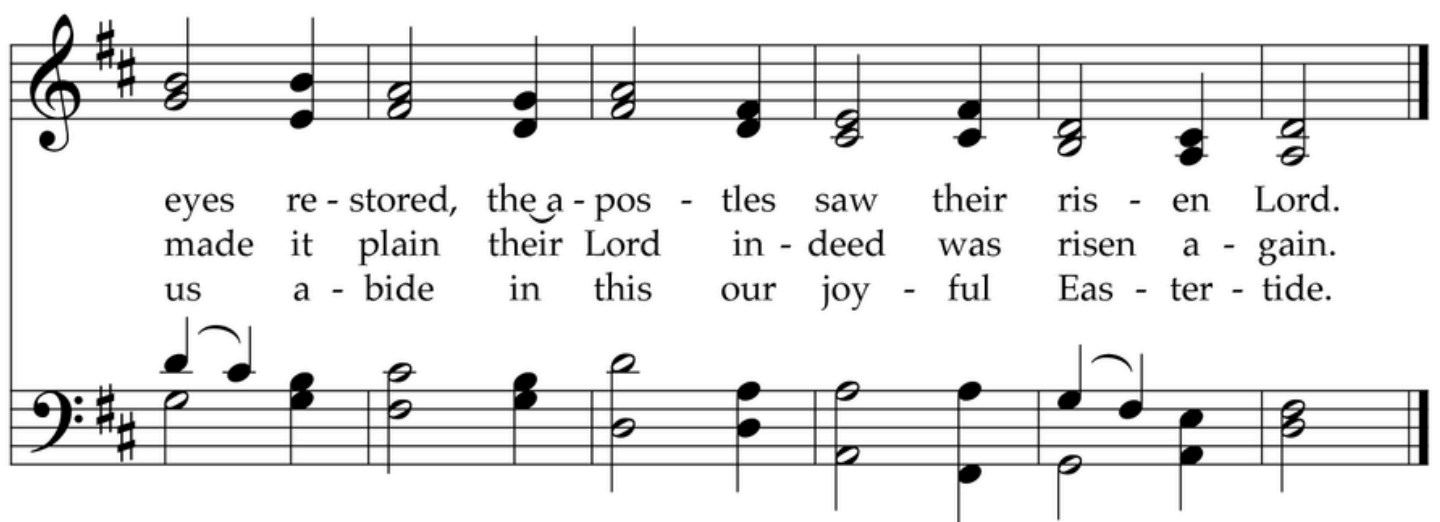
# 254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the  
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which  
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.  
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

\* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

As God raised Jesus,  
we too are lifted up from death to experience new life.

**Let hearts be glad and tongues rejoice,  
for God's mercy abounds,  
and we are assured God is with us.**

Friends, we are a forgiven people,  
and we are called to forgive others.

**Praise God for new beginnings!**

\* **GLORIA PATRI**



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Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

Spir - it, as it was in the \_ be - gin - ning, is \_

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

\* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

**And also with you.**

*Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace*



# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*Children are dismissed to Church School*

*Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON | HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Acts 2: 14, 22-23 | NT p. 119

### SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 16 | arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)



Lord, in you I trust. You are my God.

### THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 20: 19-31 | NT p. 115, Spark Bible p. 492

### SERMON

"Easter Again?" | Brian Shivers

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN NO. 231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" | SUO GAN

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### ANTHEM

"Sicut cervus" | Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus. *As a deer longs for the flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## OFFERING



# Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



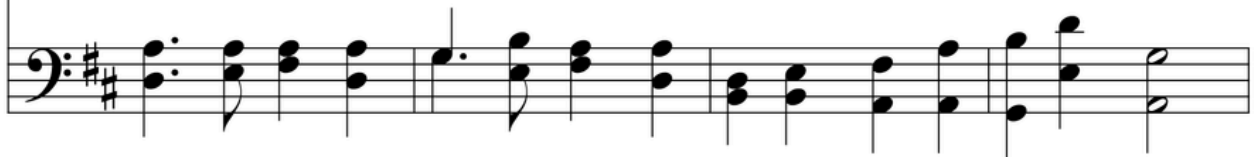
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.  
Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
He whose word in-spired cre - a - tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.



## OFFERTORY

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” | *Philip Stopford (b. 1977)*

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken ev'ry chain.  
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high,  
Alleluia.

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,  
is our Paschal Lamb today: we too sing for joy, and say  
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,  
lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry,  
He who slumbered in the grace is exalted now to save;  
now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
Alleluia.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ thy ransomed people feed;  
take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day  
Alleluia.

## \* DOXOLOGY

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## \* HYMN NO. 538

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” | *HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA*

*(Worshippers are invited to sing Refrain on cue from leader)*

## \* BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the God who loves  
and the God who resurrects,  
give us a goodly portion of the Holy Spirit  
and new birth into a living hope.

**Let us trust and love the Christ we cannot see.**

**Let us live the good news.**

**We depart now, free to love as Christ has loved.**

## POSTLUDE

“Toccatà” | *Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)*



# 538 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain, sung twice each time*

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es; all our  
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prais - es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *Fine*  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread.  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*

I am wine, I am bread: give to all who thirst and hunger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos-pel.

## IN WORSHIP

For this morning's Offertory, the Northminster Chamber Ensemble sings Palestrina's "Sicut cervus." This motet is held as the model of the Renaissance style of composition known as *imitative polyphony* - a style in which each voice imitates the music of the previous voice, creating a sonic weave. "Sicut cervus" is flawless in its construction, employing sublime counterpoint. Based on Psalm 42:1, each musical phrase of text is of extraordinary beauty, harmonizing and balancing together with perfection. One of the greatest masters of the late Renaissance, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594) spent most of his career in Rome, serving as maestro di cappella at St. Peter's. A composer of hundreds of sacred motets, masses, and madrigals, his polyphonic compositional style influenced composers throughout the ages.

Our final hymn, No. 538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises," was first published in this country in the 1984 collection *Freedom is Coming: Songs of Protest and Praise* from South Africa. The hymn expresses the celebration of "Hallelujah" in the world, as Christ, who feeds the body with his bread and wine, "sends us all out" to tell "the joyful gospel." The syncopated folk tune and harmonies underneath match the jubilant text.

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### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Sam Spade | *Cantor*

Northminster Chamber Ensemble

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# Events and Announcements

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## **Family Promise: Night Without a Bed | Now Through May 2**

Family Promise's "Night Without a Bed" campaign is in full swing for 2026! Learn more and consider a gift today to help fund their Apartment Shelter Program in 2026.



## **Digital Stewardship: Ownership & Security | Apr. 15 | 6:00 pm**

Join us for the final Adult Ed this spring as we welcome Andy Longo to discuss online security! Participants will walk away with practical skills needed to protect themselves and the organizations and workplaces they care about.



## **Spring Work Days | May 1-2 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join the Building and Grounds Team for Spring Work Days! We'll have a few projects to choose from that will be divided up on the day. Scan the QR code to sign up through Civic Champs and wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!



## **Sound & Spirit: The Drowsy Lads | May 1 | 7:00 pm**

The *Sound & Spirit* season closes with The Drowsy Lads! Named the Best Irish American Band of 2018 by Irish American News, the deep connections of this father/son and brothers band shine through in their traditional Irish sound.



## **Umoja Partner Pickleball Tournament | May 2 | 8:00 am**

Join our Mission Partner, Umoja Partnership, for a Pickleball Tournament at 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Pickleball! Register as an individual or a doubles team to help fund Umoja's various programs. Learn more and register by scanning the QR code!



## **Grief Support Group | Starting May 4 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

This six-week group is free for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Providing a supportive, confidential, and compassionate environment, all are welcome to share as they feel comfortable. Learn more today.



## **"Embodied Prayer" Series | Starting May 5 | 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Join us in the chapel for a three-week series starting May 5<sup>th</sup> to engage in a variety of spiritual practices and prayer formats designed to deepen your sense of God's presence in your life. Contact Mary Beth Riner for more info!

## **April - June Mission Team Collection**

From April through June, the Mission Team is collecting a wide range of items to build three Streets to Home move-in kits! You're invited to sign up to donate specific items using the QR code or you may consider a monetary donation.



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**Donald R. Durrett**  
Associate Pastor Emeritus

## Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

## Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

## Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms. The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available!

The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube. Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

## Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

## Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit [northminster.church/prayer](http://northminster.church/prayer)

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