He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come see the place where he lay.
WELCOME
Brian Shivers

PRELUDE
"The Trumpet Shall Sound" (from Messiah) | George F. Handel (1685-1759), arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

*OPENING SENTENCES
Carol McDonald

Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Early in the morning light,

the women went to Jesus' tomb.
The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,

for God's love is stronger than death itself.

Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:

“We have seen the Lord!”

Easter people, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 232
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" | EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God who was, is and evermore shall be; to you belong all praise and glory.

We praise you for sending Christ with the promise of new life.

Angels in heaven announce the dawn of your eternal order;

trumpets herald Christ's victory as the stone is rolled away.

We lift up our hearts to you and our tongues boldly declare you alone are God!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)

Preschoolers are dismissed to Church School.

*For those who are able, please stand.
232  Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
Hymns of praise then let us sing,
But the pains which he endured,
Sing we to our God above,

our triumphant holy day,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
our salvation have procured.
Praise eternal as God’s love.

who did once upon the cross,
who endured the cross and grave,
Now above the sky he’s King,
Praise our God, ye heavenly host.

suffer to redeem our loss.
sinners to redeem and save.
where the angels ever sing.
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
ANTHEM
"Hallelujah" (from Messiah) | George F. Handel; Chancel Choir

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of Lords.
Hallelujah!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON
John 19: 41-42

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24
Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Elisabeth Kleinsmith & Katie Ray, Cantors

SECOND LESSON
John 20: 1-18

SERMON
"In the Garden There Was a Tomb" | Brian Shivers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Presbyterian Church USA Study Catechism

What is the nature of resurrection hope?
Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world,
not a hope for escape from it.
It is the hope that evil in all its forms
will be utterly eradicated,
that past history will be redeemed,
and that all the things that ever were will be made new.
It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth,
in which God is really honored as God,
human beings are truly loving,
and peace and justice reign on earth.
ANTHEM
"Awake, Arise" | Howard Helvey (b. 1968); Chancel Choir

Awake, arise! Lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell!
Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.
Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared;
but full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard.

And even as John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees
the Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.
And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

Those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feel still frank to move and bleed for millions and for me.
O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored!

(Christopher Smart, 1765)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy 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

(please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY
"O God, Beyond All Praising" | THAXTED, arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978); Chancel Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.
Now all the vault of heav’n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!” Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Sisters and brothers – may God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you and by the power of the Holy Spirit raise you with him in glory.

We receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.
We will tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.
We will live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.

POSTLUDE
"Septimi Tempi" | Robin Dinda (b. 1959)
Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!

2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.

3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.

Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a serv-ant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: “Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!”

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!
IN WORSHIP

We welcome and appreciate our brass quintet and timpani as they contribute to our celebration of the risen Lord today. They are Larry Powell and Nolan Lehman, Trumpets; Joe Aumann and Riley Giampaolo, Trombones; Darin Sorley, Horn; and Craig Hetrick, Timpani.

Psalm 118: 1 -2, 14 – 24 is the psalm traditionally sung or read on Easter Day. We praise God for his unfailing love; we celebrate the day in which God has set up his cornerstone – the stone which “the builders rejected” (verse 22); and we praise God for bringing triumph over our enemies. The central thematic statement of the psalm occurs in verse 17: “I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.” Martin Luther saw in this verse purpose for his life and ministry, and put these words on the wall of his study.

The Offertory, “O God, Beyond All Praising,” is an arrangement of a hymn whose text was written by British theologian Michael Perry (1942 – 1996). The tune, THAXTED, comes from Gustave Holst’s (1874 – 1934) orchestral suite The Planets. In 1921 Holst adapted the theme to fit the patriotic poem “I vow to thee my country,” which was sung at Princess Diana’s wedding in 1981 and funeral in 1997. Of the final phrase, “we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,” Perry has written that it was a “reflection of my remembered determination of youthful days to overcome acute disappointment and personal loss.” The arrangement of the hymn is by Greensboro, North Carolina composer Dan Forrest (born 1978). The anthem was donated by John and Cheryl Plunkett in memory of John’s mother Dorothy Wallace.

The name Easter comes from the Old English Eostre, rooted in the Proto–Germanic austron, meaning “dawn,” and the Proto–Indo–European aus, meaning “to shine.” Bede, a 7th century English monk, made a connection between the name Easter and an early Germanic goddess of the dawn or spring, possibly named Eostre, whose feasts were celebrated in the month of April, though there is debate about who this goddess might actually be. As Christians, on this Sunday we stand in the light of the resurrection to see a new creation, transformed by the grace and glory of God. We therefore celebrate the presence and power of the risen Christ, proclaiming his good news through prayers, scripture, preaching and song. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the “Lord and giver of life.” In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life, in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11).

Today, we lovingly open our arms to others and raise them with joy. The images in the sanctuary celebrate opening ourselves, seeing clearly, removing barriers, and welcoming the gift of the living on this side of the resurrection. The beckoning Christ on our bulletin cover is the final image in a series of woodcuts, called "The Way of the Cross", by contemporary printmaker Kreg Yingst. Yingst is a prolific ecumenical artist who has illustrated all 150 Psalms as well as modern re-imaginings of Biblical parables, created portraits of dozens of saints and mystics, and recently completed a collaborative project with the homeless in his community. Yingst describes his work as "message art" focused on social justice. Much more can be found at "psalmprayers" on Instagram and "wORKINGaRTs" on Etsy.

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Aimee Scheuermann | In memory of Gary & Nancy Scheuermann
Jeff & Donna Schmahl | In memory of loved ones lost
Jeff & Donna Schmahl | In honor of our NPC chancel care team
Brian, Jennifer, and Allison Shivers | In honor of Northminster Presbyterian Church
Virginia Smith | In memory of Rev. Ronald Smith
Diane Thompson | In honor of Carol McDonald
Krista & John Wright | In honor of Katie Ray & Jordyn Locke, youth choir directors
Events and Announcements

**Indy Fuel Hockey Night | Apr. 14 | 7:00 pm**
Come out and support the Indy Fuel with Northminster for Fan Appreciation night! The first 1,500 in attendance will receive a bobblehead and fans will have the chance to get their hands on prizes throughout the game. Tickets are $20.

**After Worship Ice Cream Social | Apr. 16 | 11:15 am**
Do you like ice cream? Join us after worship next Sunday, April 16th in the Gathering Place for an ice cream social, as we show our appreciation for our choirs and choir parents.

**Very Local History with Milton O. Thompson | Apr. 16 | 11:15 am**
Join us for a discussion on local history with Milton O. Thompson whose life has spanned becoming a First Team All-American in baseball at Wittenberg serving as general counsel for the Pan-Am Games (including negotiating with Fidel Castro).

**Northminster Community Yoga | Apr. 16 | 5:30 pm**
Join Krista Wright for Yoga on select Sundays through April in Calvin Hall. $10 adults, $5 students. All are welcome, no experience is needed, and registration isn't required. Mats and blocks are available to borrow!

**Sound & Spirit: Jonathan William Moyer, Organ | Apr. 23 | 4:00 pm**
Join us for our season finale with Jonathan William Moyer! Sharing organ repertoire from the Renaissance through the 21st century, Moyer’s playing has been described by the Baltimore Sun as “ever-expressive, stylish, and riveting.”

**Pyoca Youth Service Day | Apr. 29 | 10:00 am**
Pyoca Service day is coming up! Youth group members are invited to sign up for a day of service on the ground of the Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center. Please contact Nancy Fortenberry with any questions.

**Indiana Avenue Walking Tour | Apr. 29 | 10:00 am**
Join us for a Walk & Talk Tour of Indiana Avenue and other historic sites related to Indy’s African American history. We’ll walk about 2 miles over 2 hours, so wear comfortable shoes and enjoy seeing our city through new eyes. Registration is free!

**Court Watcher Program | Apr. 30 | 11:15 am**
Are you interested in learning more about the eviction court system and becoming a Court Watcher in Indianapolis? Please attend this informational meeting to learn about becoming a Court Watcher. No courtroom experience is necessary.

To use a QR code, open the camera app on your smartphone and point it at the image. A link option will appear which you can click and go to the appropriate webpage.
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