

## **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Jesus lifted His eyes to heaven, and said,  
“Father, the hour has come: glorify your  
Son, that the Son may glorify you.”

-John 17:1

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**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**  
May 24, 2020  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“Jesus glorified God on earth by finishing the work God gave him to do. The crucifixion manifests the scope of divine power by disclosing the depth of divine love.”  
-Craig R. Koester, adapted

The Prelude “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Travis

The Spoken Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Processional Hymn No. 263 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” HYFRYDOL

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;  
Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

\*The Litany of Praise Jann Puckett

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Generous God, you created the world for all to share,

**People: Unclench our hands to let go of the greed which robs the poor.**

Leader: We praise you, O God; open our ears to hear the agony of all who cry for justice.

**People: Unbind our hearts, to recognize those who are oppressed.**

**All: Open our lips to proclaim jubilee in our time and place.  
May this community be a sign of hope for all.**

-People of the Parish of St. Michael's, adapted

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation Jann Puckett

The Greeting Major Treadway

The Lessons Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**STUDENT NEWS:**

**Sunday Nights at the (Virtual) Youth House:** we will continue to meet on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm until we are able to meet in person.

**Mystery Trip:** tentatively rescheduled for some part of July 11-17 (the week when we would have gone to Passport). More details will be forthcoming - but not too many, it is still a Mystery.

**Contact Major at:**

[major@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:major@northminsterbaptist.org)

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**Atrium, Girls of Grace and Guys 456**

Though Sunday night children's activities were scheduled to end Sunday, May 3, we have decided to extend our virtual offering of these activities through May 31.

On Sunday, May 31 at 5:00 pm, we will have a special Atrium Pentecost service via Zoom.

Girls of Grace and Guys 456 are meeting each week via Zoom, and the Atrium lesson is being uploaded to YouTube each week. If you would like links to any of these activities, please contact Lesley at [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) or 601.927.0259.

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**Children's Storytime with the Pastors**

Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

Each of the Pastors will share a book and we'll have a brief devotional thought.

Email [lesley@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:lesley@northminsterbaptist.org) if you would like the Zoom link.

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**Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

We will not have a Bible Study on Wednesday, May 27, but we will return to our Revelation study on Wednesday, June 3. To attend/view, simply go to Northminster's home page and click “Live Video Stream” under the “Watch Live” link. (Or type in [www.northminsterbaptist.live](http://www.northminsterbaptist.live).) From there, click “Archives” and select “Education.” Each Wednesday evening, by 5:30, you will see a new study uploaded there. (A PDF of the Wednesday night word search will be attached to an email blast, which will be sent each Wednesday.)

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**MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**

**Every member a minister**

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

|   |                           |
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| Pastor                                      | Charles Poole             |
| Associate Pastor for Children and Adults    | Lesley Ratcliff           |
| Associate Pastor for Students               | Major Treadway            |
| Minister of Music                           | Tim Coker                 |
| Organist                                    | Sheila Hess               |
| Organist Emeritus                           | Billy Trotter             |
| Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant | Leslie Ward               |
| Financial Secretary                         | Sam South                 |
| Receptionist/Secretary                      | Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley |
| Sexton                                      | Lamenais Simeon           |

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Harry Vickery is hospitalized at Baptist.  
Gloria Martin is recovering after surgery.  
Merle Dean is recovering after surgery.  
Jonathan Boone is recovering at home.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Libby McGee            Pat Walston            R.W. McCarley  
Virginia Hamilton    Jack Cochran          Robbie Cross  
Vivian Thompson    Martha Collum        Nancy Herrin  
Roxanne Aldridge    Gorman Schaffer      Sue Edwards

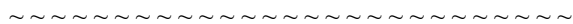
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin  
Hazel Smith, mother of Marcia Poole  
Mary Hendrick, mother of Janet Clark  
Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the Seventh Sunday of Eastertide.** Our Easter banner, overlaying the Lenten banner, is used to celebrate the Easter season and signify the triumph of Christ's resurrection and power over death. It is used during Eastertide, the six Sundays following Easter.

The banner bears in gold-colored silk the essential symbol of Christianity, the cross, in its rays of glory, appropriate to the Easter season. Formerly a symbol of shame, the cross has been transformed into the ultimate symbol of hope and salvation for all humankind. The seasonal color for Easter is white, and the background color of the banner can be interpreted as white fractured into many of pure white's components. The banner's pale colors represent the purity and divinity of Christ. In the background are the rays of glory of the cross. The rays leading from the cross remind us of a power that rises above defeat, a power that radiates forth affecting the lives it touches. Symbolically, the entire banner overlaps a banner of purple, the color for Lent. This juxtaposition reminds us of the historical connection of the two seasons: Lent and Easter, but leaves no doubt as to the successor.

The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is Crisler Boone.  
The Caregiving Chair for May is Steve Godbold.  
The Caregiving Coordinator for May is Annette Hitt.  
The Caregiver of the Week is Janice Joyner.  
The Liturgist for May is Linda McGehee.  
The Flowers for May are provided by Joe D. Rankin, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Jane Claire Williams.  
The Usher Captain for May is Matt Kelly.



**Meals on Wheels**

Drivers to deliver meals are needed for June 22. Two drivers from the same household or family is preferable. If you are available to deliver meals, please contact Rebecca Black at 601-981-8375.

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“Father, forgive and renew us; send us out as usable instruments that we might take seriously the meaning of the cross.”

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Charles Poole

The Meditation

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Trotter

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“Alleluia!”  
Paz Naccari, *mezzo*

O'Connor-Morris

The Sermon

“Concerning the Prayer of Jesus”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

“So you will have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

-John 16: 22

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 262 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

DARWELL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given:  
lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

\*The Benediction

Charles Poole

\*The Postlude

“Trumpet in Dialogue”

Clerambault

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

**The Lectionary passages for May 24 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:**

Acts 1:6-14 ~ pages 884-885  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 ~ pages 460-461  
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 ~ page 986  
John 17:1-11 ~ page 879