



*Niccolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

*April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

*10:00 am*

*Our Mission*

*To live out Christ's love  
by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,  
and by reaching out in faith and love.*

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, light of the minds that know you,  
life of the souls that love you,  
strength of the thoughts that seek you:  
Help us to know you that we may truly love you,  
so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *“The Gathering”*

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### INTROIT

*Christ is arisen, arisen indeed. Gloria,  
Gloria, in excelsis.  
Christ is arisen, arisen indeed  
Glory to God in the highest!*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Dawn Timm*

*From the Psalm for the Day, Psalm 4 (adp. CEV)*

L: Answer me when I cry out, O God, set me free from my troubles.

**All: Have mercy on me! Listen to my prayer!**

L: Know this: the Lord takes personal care of the faithful. The Lord will hear us when we cry to him.

**All: Many people say, “We can’t find goodness anywhere.”**

L: But you have filled our hearts with more joy than when our wheat and wine are everywhere!

**All: We will lie down and fall asleep in peace because you alone, Lord, let us live in safety.**

### HYMN – *“Thine is the Glory”*

#238

### CALL TO CONFESSION

One: From the Epistle of the Day, John says in his letter, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Let us pray together...

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God, we confess that there are many hours when we are not mindful of your presence. We easily misunderstand your life, death, and resurrection among us, and need forgiveness. We too often give up the comfort and avoid the challenge that comes from your Word and Spirit. Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing you. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

### MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One:....Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Greet those around you with: *“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

## **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE –**

#591(Refrain)

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

## ***“Engaging The Word”***

*Prayer of Illumination:*

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, may we hear your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives, remembering we belong to your family; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

One: First Lesson - Acts 3:12-19

pg. 887

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.*

## **RESPONSE –**

#487 vs.2

Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our  
Children know it well within their souls and  
Minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.

One: Second Lesson - Luke 24:36b-48

pg. 861

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON – *“Table fellowship with Jesus”***

*by:* Rev. Joanne Bartel

## **HYMN – *“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”***

#494

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## *“Thanksgiving”*

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* #240 vs.1

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *Easter Season Creed*

**All:** This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen. (1 Cor., Mark, Matt., Rev., John)

## *“Sending”*

HYMN – *“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”* #547

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

EXTROIT – (all sing) #600

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

### POSTLUDE

### Notes and Announcements

*Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to our fellowship in Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. We hope you feel comfortable and will be strengthened in your walk with God. We invite you to join us for fellowship and sustenance in the Social Room following worship.*

*We begin our worship this day by remembering our baptism. Also, please notice the empty plate (paten) and cup (chalice) on the center of the Communion Table. These symbols speak to us of our hunger for Christ who feeds us at this table.*

**THE DEACON OF THE MONTH** is Tina Yuckel if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-2823.

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY** – Praying for others is a blessing and a privilege. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please ask if you may share his or her name and need with the prayer chain at Niccolls. If the response is yes, please call Sue Mahoney at 315-390-4025, and she will initiate the chain. All information is confidential and is not shared with anyone other than prayer chain members.

**CHURCHES PRAYER CYCLE** – The Presbyterian Church is connectional by design and practice. Every week we lift up in prayer a church or ministry within the Presbytery of Utica. This week we pray for: Church of the Lakes, Inlet.

**STAFF OPENING** – Our church has a paid staff opening. We are looking for a part time Music Director who will lead our singing church. Must be able to play either organ and/or piano, direct our Sunday choir and be willing to work with our pastor and worship committee in creatively taking our church to wonderful places in worship through music. For inquiries into this position, please e-mail us at [niccollschurch@gmail.org](mailto:niccollschurch@gmail.org) or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

**Calendar of Events Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

|                  |                             |                                            |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 10am-12pm                   | Mission Boutique Sorting                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:30am                      | Midweek Faith and Fellowship (Bible Study) |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10am-12pm                   | Mission Boutique Sorting                   |
|                  | 10am-2pm                    | Senior Activity Program                    |
|                  | 7pm                         | Bell Choir Rehearsal                       |
|                  | 8pm                         | Choir Rehearsal                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 4:30pm-5:30pm               | Weaving Home                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 10am-12pm                   | Mission Boutique                           |
|                  | 7pm-8:30pm                  | Mission Boutique                           |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10am-12pm                   | Mission Boutique                           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7:30am &amp; 10:00am</b> | <b>Worship Service</b>                     |
|                  | 9am                         | Choir Rehearsal                            |

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**Guest Pastor** – Rev. Joanne Bartel

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Organists** – Susan Rundell

**Ushers** – Al & Ruth Brussell, Marcia Mac Donald

*For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly*  
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