



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22nd, 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: Star Livingstone

From the Psalm for the Day, Psalm 23

L: My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name: in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.

All: He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways; and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

L: When I walk through shades of death your presence is my stay; one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

All: Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

L: The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

All: There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

HYMN – *“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want ”*

#801

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God's love is steadfast, and God's faithfulness endures from age to age. Our love falters, and our faithfulness waxes and wanes from day to day.

Yet, Jesus says, "I know my own and my own know me." Let us confess who we are and what we've done as we pray together

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, help us to follow you our Good Shepherd. Forgive our wandering.
Bring us back when we go our own way and get lost. Help us to listen to your voice as our Shepherd.
Make us strong enough not to follow the wolves that take us away from you—the wolves of jealousy,
greed, and pride. But keep us in close touch with you, our Shepherd. 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 love, whom Jesus called loving Father, remind us of your commandments that it may become our heart's most earnest desire to pass on your love in truth and action. As we hear your word this morning, grant us the courage to risk life itself as we shepherd that others may see Christ living in us and so come to know your goodness and mercy.
Amen

One: First Lesson - Acts 4:5-12 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 - John 10:11-18 pg. 872

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – *“Need for Shepherds”*

by: Rev. Joanne Bartel

HYMN – *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness ”* #39

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 – *“My Shepherd Will Supply All My Need”* #803

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: First United Presbyterian Church, Little Falls.

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 or call the church office at 315-369-3475.

COMMUNITY LUNCH – A Loaves and Fishes Cafe luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, April 26 at St. Bartholomew's in Old Forge. All are welcome to attend. There is an elevator available for those who wish to use it. This free lunch will consist of assorted soups, sandwiches and desserts. Hot and cold beverages will also be provided. There is an elevator available for those who wish to use it. Transportation can be arranged by calling Beverly Meeker at (315) 369-2234. The Loaves and Fishes community luncheons are co-hosted by Niccolls Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Bartholomew's and St. Anthony's Catholic Churches as well as various community members. This is the last luncheon scheduled. Thank you to all who help cooked and enjoyed!

Calendar of Events Week of April 23rd – April 29th

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	9:30am	Midweek Faith and Fellowship (Bible Study)
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	12pm-2pm	<i>Loaves and Fishes Café</i>
	4:30pm-5:30pm	Weaving Home
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	12:30pm	<i>Food Sense pick-up</i>
	7pm-8:30pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30am & 10:00am	Worship Service
	9am	Choir Rehearsal

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Guest Pastor – Rev. Joanne Bartel

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organists – Susan Rundell

Ushers – Dawn Timm, Sylvia Uhl, Kathy Riehle

For immediate Pastoral needs, please contact: Rev. Naomi Kelly home: 315-369-6614 or cell: 315-369-8253