



*Niccolls Memorial  
Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*April 8, 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.*

**\*We invite those who are able, to stand.**

## **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** – *“Here I Am, Lord”* #69

## **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: Cindy Rose*

*From the Psalm and the Epistle of the day.*

L: How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God’s people to live together in harmony! It is like the precious anointing oil running down from Aaron’s head and beard, down to the collar of his robes.

**All:Unity is like the dew on Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion. That is where the Lord has promised his blessing—life that never ends.** (Psa. 113)

L: If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

**All:Living together in harmony and walking in the light brings us together in Jesus Christ and brings us life that never ends. Let us worship God together.**

**\*HYMN** – *“Christ Is Alive”* #246

## **\*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: Righteous God, we are so often less than faithful. We want to represent our risen Lord, but we forget that Jesus loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable, and welcomed sinners. We set limits on inclusiveness and break bread with those who qualify to sit at table with us. We find it hard to give up our comforts because of another’s needs. We do not often recognize your presence in people who seem different from us. Seldom is there passion for discipleship among us. Forgive us and renew your church, O God. 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: As God in Christ has forgiven us, let us forgive one another and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**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:*

Gracious and loving God, by the power of your Holy Spirit transform us as a church and as individuals to be your dwelling place. Increase our trust that we may embrace life in all its fullness.

As we hear your word this morning, speak to us now the word that we need, empowering us to be a unifying presence in our broken world. Amen.

One: First Lesson - Acts 4:32-35 pg. 888

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 20:19-31 pg. 882

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **SERMON – “Sharing with all.”**

*by:* Rev. Joanne Bartel

### **\*HYMN – “This Is My Father’s World”**

#370

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

## *“Thanksgiving”*

### OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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

**\*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** – *“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”* #248

### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*EXTROIT** – (all sing) #515 vs.5

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy to give the world  
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

### **\*MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **\*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 Presbyterian Church, Iliion.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY** – We use the PW Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses; The Community of Christ in Hebrews. We are exploring and discussing the major themes in Hebrews and relating them to other parts of our faith and to community. The group meets on Tuesday mornings in Niccolls Social Room at 9:30 until 11:00. All are welcome!

**Calendar of Events Week of April 9<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30am	Midweek Faith and Fellowship (Bible Study)
	5:30pm	Grief Support Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	1pm	Caregiver Group
<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 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** – Cindy & Nick Rose, Kathy Riehle

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