



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13th, 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

Eternal God,
you have called us to be members of one body,
join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,
that, with one heart and mind,
we may show the unity of your church,
And bring honor to our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ. 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: Deborah Elmer

L: This is the day the Lord has made,
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
L: We bring our thanks and praise to God.
All: Proclaim God’s never-ending love and amazing grace.

***HYMN** – *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

#14

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.
Together let us pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering
from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us,
O Lord, for we are sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive us and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

One: As God is 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: 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:

Living God, help us to hear your Word that we may truly understand;
that understanding, we may believe, and believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

pg. 885

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

Second Reading: John 17:6-19 pg. 879

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “*Growing strong together*” by: Rev. Joanne Bartel

***HYMN** – “*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*” #722

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“*Thanksgiving*”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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

***EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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, and that he was raised on the third day;
and that he appeared first to women, then to Peter,
and to the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus Christ 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.

“*Sending*”

***HYMN** – “*We Are All One in Mission*” # 733

***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 Katie Boesché if you or someone you know has a special need; please call her at 315-369-8332.

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: Forest Presbyterian church, Lyons Fall.

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.

UMU CONCERT UPDATE – The University of Mount Union Concert Choir performance is **THIS FRIDAY, May 18!** Thanks to all who have volunteered to help! Many hands are making this come together, as we welcome the beautiful music of this talented choir. If you can still help, see reps in the Narthex after church. We can use a few more pots of chili, corn

bread, cookies and brownies; meal servers, ushering, Thursday set-up; Friday and Saturday breakdown and cleanup, along with borrowing 6 more moveable mirrors for the basement dressing rooms. **Sign-ups are in the Narthex.** We hope to see you next Friday as we kick off Summer at Niccolls with the sound of music!

PENTECOST BANNERS - the Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help prepare the Sanctuary for Pentecost, which is next Sunday, May 20th. All who can help are asked to come Saturday morning from 10-noon - after the UMU Choir equipment is removed from the Sanctuary. Come help us send off the choir, and prepare for Pentecost.

Lost & Found – A piece of jewelry was found in a pew after the service. If you have lost some jewelry, please contact the office with the description.



Calendar of Events Week of *May 14th-May 20th*

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	5:30pm	Grief Group
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	8pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	4:30pm-5:30pm	Weaving Home
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7:30pm	<i>UMU CONCERT</i>
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, Judith Barker

Ushers – Chris and Dee Kraft, Barb Proper

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