



*Nicolls Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6th, 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: Jeff Livingstone

From the Psalm of the day, Psalm 98

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!

All: The Lord has remembered the house of Israel with steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

All: Sing praises to God with a harp! With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the Lord!

HYMN – “Joy to the World”

#134

CALL TO CONFESSION

From “Wishful Thinking” by Frederick Buechner

One: To confess our sins to God is not to tell God anything God doesn't already know. Until we confess them, however, they are the abyss between us. When we confess them, they become the bridge. Let us confess who we are and what we've done to Almighty God. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God of love, you have commanded us to abide in your love. We confess our failure to love you, to love our neighbor, and even our failure to love ourselves. Forgive us. Enable us to see each other, and ourselves, as your beloved children.

Help us abide in, and be nourished by, your abundant love so we may bear good fruit in a world starving for love, justice, and mercy. Amen.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God of the new day and God of love has created us and has redeemed us-- as God scatters the mist from the hills, banishes the deeds of darkness from the sons and daughters of God's light. We know and believe that, as children of God's love, we are free to begin again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive 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:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we may hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: - Acts 10:44-48 pg. 895

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 15:9-17 pg. 878

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – *"How we grow up and out"* by: Rev. Joanne Bartel

HYMN – *"Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love"* #203

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

“Thanksgiving”

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Glory be to God, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

“Sending”

HYMN – *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* #318

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.

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: the Use of Special Offerings of the PC(USA)

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

UMU CONCERT UPDATE – The University of Mount Union Concert Choir performance on Friday, May 18 is getting closer. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help! We still need a few back-up home hosts for 2 students each; drivers for Friday night and Saturday morning; a few more pots of chili, cornbread, cookies and brownies; meal servers; head ushers; volunteers for Thursday set-up; Friday and Saturday breakdown and cleanup. We also need 6 more moveable mirrors for the basement dressing rooms. **Sign-ups are in the Narthex, where concert team reps can answer additional questions this morning.** For further info on hosting, contact Judy Barker at 369-9907; dinner donations and serving – Deb Elmer at 357-5628; old Thrift Shop prep – Star and Jeff Livingstone at 392-6104. Thank you!

Calendar of Events Week of May 7th-May 13th

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	1am	Caregiver Support Group
	4:30pm-5:30pm	Weaving Home
	7pm	Session Meeting
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	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 – Roger & Nancy Pratt, George Lapinsky

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