

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:00 AM

PRELUDE *(Michael Pugh)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Breakfast at Manny's (7/24) at 9:00 AM.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 23)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vv. 1-3)

ST COLUMBA

**The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING - READER'S THEATER

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

DAVID: *(to Nathan the prophet)* Look, I am living in a cedar house while the ark of God sits inside a tent.

NATHAN: Go and do all that is on your heart, for the Lord is with you.

VOICE OF GOD: *(to NATHAN)* Tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord says: From the time I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until today I have not lived in a house; instead, I have been moving around with a tent as my dwelling.

NATHAN: Yes, Lord.

VOICE OF GOD: Remind David that I took him from the pasture and from following the sheep to be ruler over my people Israel.

NATHAN: You have been with him wherever he went and destroyed all his enemies.

VOICE OF GOD: I will make David's name like that of the greatest in the land and establish a place for my people Israel and plant them, so that they may live there and not be disturbed again.

NATHAN: I will.

VOICE OF GOD: Evildoers will not afflict them as they have done ever since the day I ordered judges to be over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies.

NATHAN: Thank you, Lord.

VOICE OF GOD: Tell David I will raise up his son and establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to me.

NATHAN: What if he does wrong?

VOICE OF GOD: When he does wrong, I will discipline him with a human rod and with blows from others. But my faithful love will never leave him as I removed it from Saul; David's throne will be established forever.'

ABIGAIL: Nathan spoke all these words and this entire vision to David.

DAVID: Who am I, Lord God, and what is my house that you have brought me this far? What you have done so far was a little thing to you, Lord God,

ALL: For you have also spoken about your servant's house in the distant future.

DAVID: You know your servant, Lord God. Because of your word and according to your will, you have revealed all these great things to your servant.

ALL: This is why you are great, Lord God. There is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, as all we have heard confirms.

DAVID: God came to one nation on earth in order to redeem a people for Himself, to make a name for Himself, and to perform for them great and awesome acts,

ALL: Driving out nations and their gods before your people

DAVID: You established your people Israel to be your own people forever, and you, Lord, have become their God.

ALL: Do as you have promised, so that your name will be exalted forever.

DAVID: Lord God, you are God; your words are true.

ALL: For you, Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing your servant David's house will be blessed forever.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

Annoying Questions and Answers (Part 2 in a series) Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!**

THE OFFERING

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MUSICAL MEDITATION *(Michael Pugh)*

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... We ask these things in the name of Christ, who bid all his followers to pray like this:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (vv. 4-6)

ST COLUMBA

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.**

THE BLESSING OF REST

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude

Williamson Choice

WORSHIP NOTES

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