

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 2024

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Breakfast at Robin Hood, Wednesday (8/14) at 8:30 AM.

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 34:1-3)*

I will praise God in every moment, and through every situation. Through my words and action, my life will pay tribute to Him. Whenever the poor and humble hear of His greatness, they will celebrate, too! Come and lift up God's name with me; let's praise His name together!

HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother wind with clouds and rain,
You nurture gifts of fruit and grain.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O sister water, flowing clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.**

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**O brother fire, so warm and bright,
Chase off the shadows of the night.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds such blessings on our way,**

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,

All who in pain or sorrow grieve,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens and your fears;

So, even in the midst of tears,

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 130

SERMON

Praying in the Depths

Rev. Kelly Roman

HYMN

Take My Life

HENDON

**Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

Take my will and make it thine;

It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is thine own;

It shall be thy royal throne,

It shall be thy royal throne.

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.**

THE OFFERING

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MUSICAL MEDITATION *(Steve Cocchia, Soloist)*

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Chris Tomlin

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

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The word angel originally meant “messenger.” For God’s angels on this earth, let us now pray.

ONE: We thank you, loving God, that you do not leave us without helpers. Thank for your special agents, those guardian angels—both human and heavenly—who never cease to care. Wherever there are situations of confusion, where doubts proliferate and anxieties spawn,

MANY: Send in your angels of light.

ONE: Wherever people are crippled by guilt, or deeply regret damage to others which they can never rectify,

MANY: Send in your angels of mercy.

ONE: Wherever there is arrogance and deceit, corruption and rapacious greed,

MANY: Send in your fiery angels of judgement.

ONE: Wherever ignorance reigns or superstition cripples individuals or communities,

MANY: Send in your angels of truth.

ONE: Wherever persons or nations become obsessed with aggression, or resort to terrorism and warfare,

MANY: Send in your agents of peace and goodwill.

ONE: Wherever families are at loggerheads, or in the workplace folk feel alienated from one another,

MANY: Send in your angels of reconciliation.

ONE: Wherever people see their future as bleak or dangerous, and fall into the trap of inertia or despair,

MANY: Send in your angels of hope.

ONE: Wherever the church becomes exclusive, or gets caught up in its own regulations, traditions, or inflexible dogma,

MANY: Send in your angels of reformation.

ONE: Wherever ministers lose their passion for the Gospel, or congregations become self-satisfied or apathetic,

MANY: Send in your angels of rebuke.

ONE: Wherever there are people who are afflicted by disease or injured in accidents, struggle against mental ills or suffer from criminal violence,

MANY: Send in your angels of healing.

ONE: Wherever the dying endure fears or pain, and the bereaved either shed the hot tears of a fresh grief or endure the long-term loss of a partner or friend,

MANY: Send in your angels of comfort.

ONE: Loving God, Lord of all the messengers of grace on earth and in heaven, hear our prayers and enlist us within the ranks of your caring angels. Through Jesus Christ your only True Son, our Savior and our inspiration. Amen!

And now we are bold to pray together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

MANY: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, forever. Amen.

HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,

Safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,

Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

(inspired by Eph. 4:25-5:2)

ONE: Go out and imitate God, living in love. Put your hope in God's Word and let your own words be truthful and constructive. May sin rouse your anger, but never let anger cause you to sin. Don't allow any room for evil. And may God always hear your voice. May Christ Jesus raise you to new life; and may the Holy Spirit nourish you for the life of love. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

MANY: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

We thank **Rev. Kelly Roman** for filling the pulpit this morning! Kelly is a member of the Newtown-Yardley Ministerium and serves as a Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain for Chandler Hall Health Services in Newtown. She is also a board-certified Clinical Chaplain and Pastoral Counselor. Kelly has served as an interim Director of Youth Ministries at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton and as Associate Pastor for University Ministry at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina.

We also thank **Pam Kemper** for serving as our Liturgist this morning.

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