

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP*

*Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*August 18, 2024*

*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

*Prelude on “Finlandia”*

Franklin Ritter

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Worship Committee ZOOM, Monday (8/19) at 7 PM.
- Facilities Committee, Tuesday (8/20) at 7 PM.

## **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Eph. 5:20)*

ONE: Give thanks to God!

**MANY: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.**

ONE: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

**MANY: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

ONE: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**MANY: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.**

# HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

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**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And then proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

## **SERMON**

*A Word from the Wise (Women)*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer



# **HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

*SLANE*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## **THE OFFERING**

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**MUSICAL MEDITATION** *(Corinne Kauermann, Jes Stehr,  
Mike Pugh, Steve Cocchia, Andy Chen)*

*How Firm a Foundation—The Sacred Harp 1844* arr. A. Watts

# **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

ONE: Eternal God, we thank you today for your goodness. You have given us beautiful days. You bless us richly with goodness daily. We thank you and praise you.

We live in a time of considerable confusion. We ask today for your wisdom as Solomon asked for wisdom. We are often fearful as was Solomon. We live in a time of peril, war, and world unrest. Different and competing interests strive for our attention and loyalty. Help us, O God, to pray for wise and discerning spirits.

ONE: Give us wisdom to know good from evil. Give us wisdom to assess the clamoring voices and concerns with which we are daily bombarded. Give us wisdom so that we might learn to be accepting of all the diverse people you have created. Give us wisdom to be peacemakers and mediators of understanding where there is conflict. Give us wisdom when we are in conflict to make it possible both for us and for those with whom we differ to save face and win and move forward hand in hand. Give us wisdom not to violate any of your creatures by discriminating against them. Give us wisdom to discern what is of ultimate value for our souls and to make wise choices.



**MANY:** O God, give us wisdom. O God, give us discernment. O God, give us the will to be faithful. O God, give us the power to love. Amen.

*And now let us 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

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story; for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love!**

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice the Lord Is King*

James Mansfield

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