

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

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November 17, 2024
Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM



PRELUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Impromptu

Franz Schubert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome the Rev. Sarah Colwill to our pulpit this morning! Sarah is known to this congregation in her role as the Director of Lilly Initiatives for the Presbytery of Philadelphia and as an occasional preacher.
- Bible Study for Everyone, Wednesday 11/20, 1 pm
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark AME Zion Church, 136 N. Congress St., Newtown on 11/24/24 @ 3:30pm. All are welcome!

RESPONSIVE CALL To WORSHIP(from Psalm 16:7-9)

ONE: Come, bless the Lord who guides us,
whose wise teaching directs our days
and focuses our minds at night;
whose presence sustains and surrounds us here.

MANY: **We bless the Lord who is present among us.
We will not be shaken or live in fear,
but will sing God's praise and worship with joy!**

HYMN #620 Praise , My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.**

**Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness!

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Mark 13:1-8)

We have to admit, Holy Listener, that we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others than to be provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving; keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve; give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We pause for a moment of silent personal confession.

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RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

MANY: Thanks be to God, who has forgiven us and prodded us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.

HYMN #582:

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ONE: O God our protector,
we trust in you for safety,
we depend on you for all we need;
all good things come from you—
we commit our future into your hands:

**MANY: May your word guide us by day and teach us by night.
Be near us so that nothing can shake us,
make us always aware of your presence,
show us the path that leads to life,
let your Spirit fill us with joy,
and let your service be our delight for ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

SECOND READING

MARK 13:1:8



SERMON

Rev. Sarah Colwill



HYMN #352 My Lord, What a Morning

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning;

My Lord, what a morning;

Oh, my Lord, what a morning,

When the stars begin to fall,

When the stars begin to fall.

**You'll hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. Refrain**

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning;

My Lord, what a morning;

Oh, my Lord, what a morning,

When the stars begin to fall,

When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry,

To wake the nations underground,

Looking to my God's right hand,

When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

Refrain:

My Lord, what a morning;

My Lord, what a morning;

Oh, my Lord, what a morning,

When the stars begin to fall,

When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinner cry,

To wake the nations underground,

Looking to my God's right hand,

When the stars begin to fall. Refrain

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... And may we share in your peace as we pray the prayer your Son taught all of his disciples to pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

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HYMN #543

**God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
GREEN TYLER**

God be the love to search and keep me

God be the prayer to move my voice

God be the strength to now uphold me

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

**Bind to myself the name of Holy
Great cloud of witnesses enfold
Prophets, apostles, angels witness
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me**

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight

Flashing of lightning, strength of wind

Depth of the sea to soil of planet

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Walking behind to hem my journey

Going ahead to light my way

And from beneath, above, and all ways

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Christ in the eyes of all who see me

Christ in the ears who hear my voice

Christ in the hearts of all who know me

O Christ, surround me

O Christ, surround me

Responsive Benediction

ONE: In the loving of neighbor
and the sharing of love

MANY: together we shall go on

ONE: In the celebration of life
and the sharing of that life together

MANY: together we shall go on

ONE: In the caring of the earth
and the sharing of her harvest

MANY: together we shall go on

ONE: In the variety of people
and the sharing of our talents

MANY: together we shall go on

ONE: In the laughter we make
and the sharing of the journey

MANY: together we shall go on

ONE: In the love of this community
and the sharing of our faith

MANY: together we shall go on. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Come, Creator Spirit

Trish Conover, Music Director

David Lasky



Worship Notes:

We welcome the Rev. Sarah Colwill, a very friendly face for this congregation, to our pulpit this morning. Sarah is the Director of Lilly Initiatives for the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

We also thank _____ for serving as our lay reader today.

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