

# WORSHIP SERVICE

*Northampton Presbyterian Church*

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October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

# **PRELUDE**

Trish Conover, Music Director

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **CLG will meet today following worship**
- **Bible Study for Everyone, Wednesday (10/30), 1 pm**
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends next weekend! Don't forget to fall back one hour on Saturday night!**

## **UNISON Call to WORSHIP**

**I will bless the Lord at all times—  
praise will continually be in my mouth.  
My soul shall rejoice in the Lord;  
let the humble hear it and rejoice.  
Come, glorify our God with me.  
Let us exalt God's name together**

**HYMN # 673:**

**Jesus, light of Joy**

**LAUDA ANIMA**

**Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid  
Glory shine: source of every earthly blessing  
Heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia,  
Allelulia, we adore you, light divine.**

Now the shadows surround us; now the evening  
Has begun: still your gracious light is with us,  
Brighter than the morning sun. Allelulia,  
Allelulia, God of glory, Three in One

With the saints we lift our voices, God of power,  
God of might. All creation shines with glory,  
Singing praises day and night: allelulia,  
Allelulia , holy, holy, holy light

# UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
our thoughts and deeds too often  
do not reflect the grace you show us.  
Our speech and actions too often  
do not proclaim your salvation.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we bear  
both as individuals and as your Church.  
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

**Our teacher, let us see again!  
Give us the courage to take heart in your grace.  
Give us the strength to get up.  
Give us the wisdom to hear your calling.  
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us.**

*We pause for a moment of silent personal confession*



# Responsive Assurance of Pardon

( Psalm 34:17-18, 22 NLT translation)

ONE: The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;

he rescues those who are crushed in spirit.

The Lord will redeem those who serve him.

Everyone who trusts in him will be freely pardoned.

**MANY: Thanks be to God! 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.**

# **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Job 42:1-6*

## **READER'S THEATER**

*MARK 10:46-52*

## Readers' Theater: Mark 46-52

- One: Jesus and his disciples reached Jericho.  
As they passed through the town,  
a crowd of people followed along.  
They came to a blind beggar, Bartimaeus, the son of  
Timaeus, who sat beside the main road.  
When he was told that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by,  
he called out in a loud voice.
- Two: Jesus, Son of David,  
take pity on me and help me!

One: Disgusted by the blind man's public display,  
others in the crowd tried to silence him  
until Jesus had passed.

But Bartimaeus cried even louder:

Two: Jesus, Son of David,  
have pity on me!

One: Jesus stopped where he stood.  
The crowd stopped with Him.  
He told those near the front of the crowd  
to call the blind man forward.

**ALL: 'Good news!' they said.  
'Jesus has heard you.  
Listen—He calls for you.  
Get up and go to him.'**

One: So Bartimaeus cast aside his beggar's robe  
and stepped forward, feeling his way toward Jesus.  
Jesus asked,

Three: "What do you want from me?"

Two: Teacher, I want to see.

Three: Your faith has made you whole.  
Go in peace.

One: In that moment, Bartimaeus could see again;  
and from that time on, he followed Jesus.

**SERMON**

**Regaining Our Sight**

**Rev. Judith A Dwyer**



**HYMN #726**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**KELVINGROVE**

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown ; will you let my name be known;**

**Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you let the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the lepper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## **THE OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

The Lord is My Light

# **DOXOLOGY (#606) 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**

**:**

**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 #450:**

**Bee 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 heaven-ward, 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 joy, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

# **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

# **POSTLUDE**

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