

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

60th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Jesus Calls Us

Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CLG will not meet today but will resume next Sunday**
- **Women's Breakfast at Manny's, Wednesday (10/23), 9 am**
- **Bible Study for Everyone, Wednesday (10/23), 1 pm**

RESPONSIVE Call to WORSHIP

ONE : This is the day the Lord has made!

MANY: We will rejoice, and be glad in it!

ONE: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our victory!

**MANY: You are our God, and we will praise you;
You are our God, and we will exalt you.**

ONE: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

MANY: His faithful loves endures forever!

HYMN #35:

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty ,the King of
Creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
Health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his
Temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o’ver all things so wondrously
Reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so
Gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy
Desires e’er have been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me
Adore him! All that have life and breath, come now with
Praises before him! Let the amen sound from his
People again, gladly for aye we adore him.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
you call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world.
We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy.
Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,
and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight.
Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness
and to reflect the light of your love in a dark world;
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that our sins have been forgiven and be at peace .

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.

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100 (in unison)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON

Well-Seasoned

Rev. Judith A Dwyer

A Litany of Thanks (responsive)

ONE: O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation,
and for the commitment and dedication of all who served together
at its time of origin,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For those who have served faithfully in leadership positions
as Pastors, Elders, Deacons, and Staff Members,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage,
counsel and mentor,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For those who have been a part of our fellowship for so many years,
and now serve you in the church triumphant,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another on the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we've heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your Word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For a commitment to remain true to your Word in a world of confusing and conflicting voices,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: For hundreds of children and youth who have been trained in the ways of the Lord and now serve him around the world,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: And for a free land that has given us opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of your Kingdom,

MANY: We give you thanks, O Lord.

ONE: In time spent with those who follow, may we faithfully tell each new generation of your mercies and your saving grace. May we live forever to your glory.

MANY: In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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**Now thank we our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wonderful things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today**

**O may this beauteous God through all our life be near us,
With every joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in the world and the next.**

**All praises and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to the Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Forever and a Day

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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

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

ONE: O Lord, we pray for all who enter this sanctuary today, that they may be grounded in your truth and learn to love you with a whole heart.

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for the children yet to be born who will sit in these pews in the years to come, that they may carry your kingdom to future generations,.

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for the parents here, that they may faithfully tell each new generation of your mercies and your salvation

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for leaders, pastors, and staff members, that their leadership may always be true to your Word and faithful to your calling,

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for all who are ill in body, mind or spirit; for those in the throes of recovery and those supporting them; for all who have lost loved ones in recent days, and for the wounded places in our nation in need of healing.

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for ourselves, that you will use us to reach to many within our community and throughout our world, that in their need they may know your love and find your grace,

MANY: O Lord, hear our prayer.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #749: Come, Live in the Light

WE ARE CALLED

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
Joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
To be light for the kingdom, to live in the
Freedom of the city of God.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to
Love tenderly; we are called to serve one
Another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your
Mercy to all those in fear! We are called
To be hope for the hopeless so hatred and
Violence will be no more.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to
Love tenderly; we are called to serve one
Another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that
Great day when all will be one! God will reign,
And we'll walk with each other as sisters and
Brothers united in love.**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice; we are called to
Love tenderly; we are called to serve one
Another, to walk humbly with God.**

Charge and Blessing: Blessing of Salt, Blessing of Light

**By the time you come
to the end of this blessing
these words will be barely enough
to fit in the palm of your hand
but fold your fingers around them
and take them
as an offering, a sacrament, a sign:
touch the words to your tongue
and taste how they have traveled
through marrow and bone to reach you,
how they have passed
through each chamber of the heart,
how they have come through the layers
that make up the soul:
the strata of stories and questions,
longings and dreams.**

**Savor the way the words
are not mere residue or dross,
the bitter leavings from the refining.
By their taste you will know instead
they are the essence, they are the core
they are what has come through the burning,
holding still the memory of fire
and the imprint of light;
holding the clarity that comes
when all that is not needful passes away.
So take these words as a blessing;
touch them to your mouth
(may you taste)
your eyes
*(may you see)***

(may you see)

your ears

(may you hear)

and then let them go,

let them fall to earth where all salt finally goes.

See the path they make for you,

the path that blazes inside of you,

lighting the way ahead of you

that only you can go.



POSTLUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

A Morning Trumpeting

RITTER

Worship Notes

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