

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church



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November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

The Swan

Trish Conover, Music Director

C. Saint-Saens

Kevin Kauermann, Cello

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Breakfast, Wednesday 11/27 at Manny's.
- The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Mathew25:31-46)

One: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**MANY: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

ONE: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**MANY: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

ONE: We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

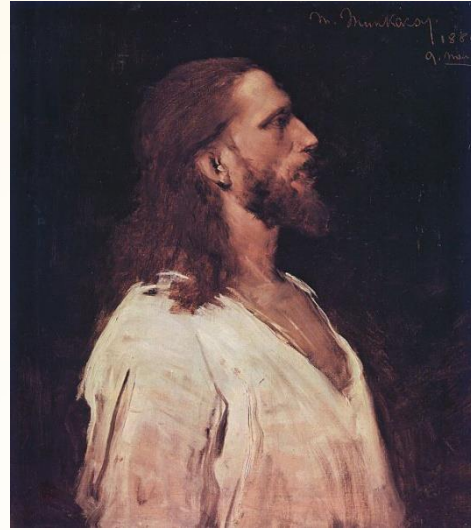
**MANY: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

• **HYMN# 336**

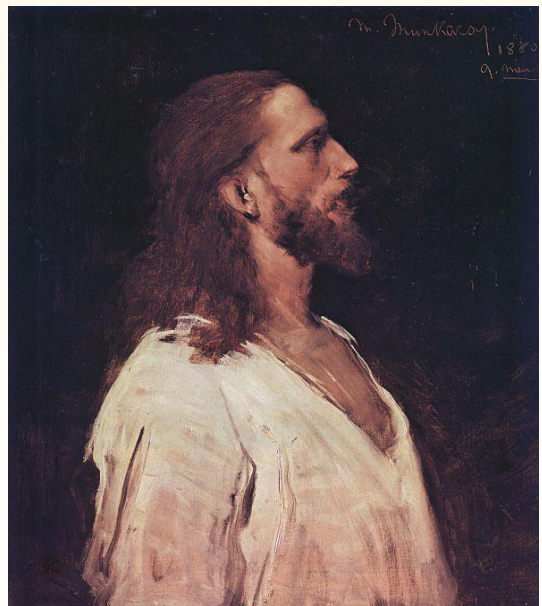
We Gather Together

KREMSER

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.**



**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
the Lord was at our side- the glory be Thine!**



**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We stock the food pantries,
but brush aside those
who hunger for friendship.**

**We give our hand-me-downs away,
but overlook those whose hopes
have been stripped away.**

**We glad-hand those just like us,
but turn a deaf ear to
our neighbors who 'talk funny.'**

**Forgive us, Hope of the ages.
You persistently search for us in the side streets of the
world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we
may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool
of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior.**

We pause for a moment of silent personal confession

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God searches for the lost,

MANY: and finds us;

ONE: God invites the hungry to the table,

MANY: and feeds us;

ONE: God sends Jesus,

MANY: and frees us from death's prison;

ONE: God forgives all who sin,

MANY: and heals us with mercy and grace.

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 READING

Psalm 132:1-12

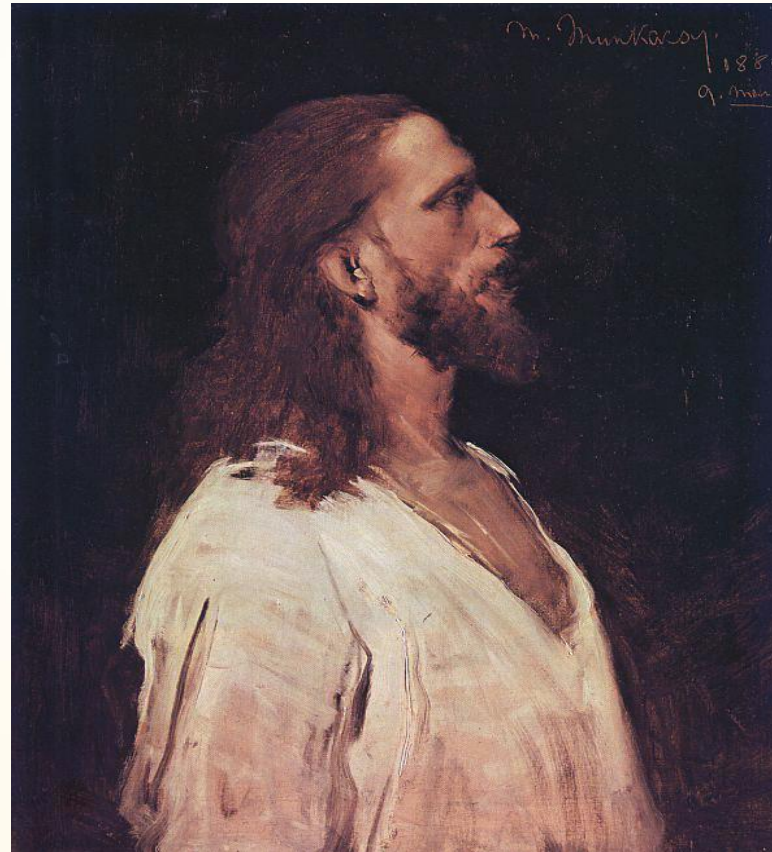
NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mathew 25:31-46

SERMON

“Ch-ch-ch-changes!”

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch



HYMN #298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

**Lord, you give us the commission: "Heal the sick and
Preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the
Gospel go unheard, help us witness to your
Purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empowered us for the work of ministry.**

Lord, you call us to your service:

“In my name, baptize and teach.”

That the world may trust your promise,

life abundant meant for each,

give us all new fervor, draw us

closer in community:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us

for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:

“This my body, this my blood.”

Let us all, for earth’s true glory,

daily lift life heavenward,

asking that the world around us

share your children’s liberty:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us

for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:

“This my body, this my blood.”

Let us all, for earth’s true glory,

daily lift life heavenward,

asking that the world around us

share your children’s liberty:

With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us

for the work of ministry.

**Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.**

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

French melody - Picardy

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER of DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD's PRAYER

... O God, help us to respond to the Jesus in our neighbor and to serve you.
Amen.

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.

HYMN #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.**

**Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity..**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: May God,
who comes to us
in the things of this world,
bless your eyes
and be in your seeing.

**MANY: May Christ,
who looks upon you
with deepest love,
bless your eyes
and widen your gaze.**

ONE: May the Spirit,
who perceives what is
and what may yet be,
bless your eyes
and sharpen your vision.

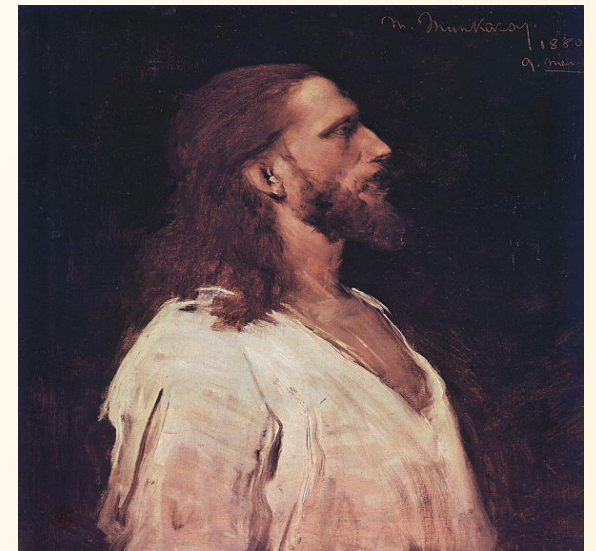
**MANY: May the Sacred Three
bless your eyes
and cause you to see. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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Trish Conover, Music Director

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WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome the **Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch, HR** to the pulpit today. Diane is a friend of this congregation and currently serves as Chair of the Commission on Ministry of the Philadelphia Presbytery. We thank her for preaching the word today!

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