

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Northampton Presbyterian Church*

***Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

***September 29, 2024***

***10:00 AM***

***PRELUDE:***

*Prelude in G*

*Downing*

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:***

- Mission Committee, Wednesday (10/2) at 10 AM.
- Mission Fest & Potluck, Sunday (10/6) at 11:30 AM.

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**MANY: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

ONE: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**MANY: We gather to worship God!**

# **HYMN #667:**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*LAUDES DOMINI*

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening**

**Cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! A**

**Like at work and prayer to Jesus I re**

**pair: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I**

**Find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or**

**Fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is**

**This: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes re  
sound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let  
Air and sea and sky from depth to height re  
ply: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle di  
vine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be  
This the eternal song through all the ages  
long: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin. We allow gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*We pause for a moment of silent personal confession.*

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF PARDON:(from Psalm 145:13-14):**

**ONE:**        **The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.**

**MANY:**       **Thanks be to God!**

## **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**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

*Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22*

## **EPISTLE READING:**

*James 5:13 – 20*

**SERMON:**

**THE COST OF COMPENSATION**

**Rev. Judith A Dwyer**

## **HYMN #201:**

**A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar**

**HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING**

**A prophet woman broke a jar, by Love's divine ap-  
pointing. With rare perfume she filled the room, pre-  
siding and anointing. A prophet woman broke a jar,  
The sneers of scorn defying. With rare perfume she  
Filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.**

**A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission. A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.**

**Though woman wisdom, woman truth, for centuries were hidden, unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden, the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending, can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending,**

**The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchanging. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children, the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!**

# THE OFFERING

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# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

# **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:**     **Father of Lights, from whom comes every perfect gift, hear our prayers, which we offer fervently to you, and in the name of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for the church, that we might show our faith in action, regard all with impartiality, and be quick to listen and slow to anger.**

**Lord, in your mercy,**

**MANY:**   **Hear our prayer**



ONE: We pray for our nation, that whenever trials may befall us, God may grant us endurance and wisdom.

Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: Hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray for the world, that the lowly may be raised up, and that mercy may fall on us all.

Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: Hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray for the sick, the injured, the vulnerable, and those undergoing all forms of adversity, that they might all be raised up. Especially we pray for...

Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: Hear our prayer.**

ONE We pray for those celebrating this week, especially for ...  
Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: Hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray for those who have died, that they would draw near to God,  
and that God would draw near to them. Encircle those left without  
their loved ones with your healing care, that they may feel you as near  
as their breath.

Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: Hear our prayer.**

ONE: Gracious God, our prayers are offered to you with the gentleness that  
is born from your wisdom from above, which is pure, peaceable,  
gentle, willing to yield, and full of mercy.

**MANY: 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 #821:**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

*HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING*

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.**

## **REFRAIN**

**No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm  
clinging**

**Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from  
singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?**

## **REFRAIN**

**No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm  
clinging.**

**Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from  
singing?**

**What though my joys and comfort die? I know my Savior liveth  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in night he giveth.**

## **REFRAIN**

**No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm  
clinging**

**Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from  
singing?**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his ! How can I keep from singing?**

## **REFRAIN**

**No storm can shake my in most calm while to that Rock I'm  
clinging.**

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**CHARGE AND BLESSING: Fierce Blessing (See Insert)**



# **POSTLUDE**

Trish Conover, Music Director

*ALLELUIA*

*FONDER*

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The Prayer of Confession is posted on the website of the First Presbyterian Church of Garland, Texas. <http://www.fpcgarland.org>

The Prayer for Illumination is from “O God of Wisdom: Third Sunday of Lent Service Prayers,” written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website.

The Prayers of the People are adapted from a prayer written by Rick Morley, and posted on his A Garden Path blog. <http://www.rickmorley.com/archives/1895>

The Blessing is by Jan Richardson and is posted on her blog, A Painted Prayerbook, at [www.janrichardson.com](http://www.janrichardson.com).

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