

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP*  
*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*July 28, 2024*  
*10:00 AM*

**PRELUDE** *(Jes Stehr)*

*Be Still, My Soul*

Sibelius, arr. Rice

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Psalm 145:15-16, Isaiah 55:1-3, John 6:35)*

ONE: Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need.

**MANY: You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.**

ONE: We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.

**MANY:** May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.

**ONE:** For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life.

**MANY:** In Jesus' name, Amen.

# HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*HYMN TO JOY*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*2 Samuel 11:1-15*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*John 6:1-21*

**SERMON**

Rev. Sarah Colwill



# HYMN

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

*BEACH SPRING*

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken**

**By the Galilean shore.**

**Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,**

**Was their food forevermore.**

**By your body broken for us,**

**By your wine of life outpoured,**

**Jesus, feed again your people.**

**Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
In a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.**

**By your body broken for us,  
By your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**Loaves are broken, words are spoken,**

**As in faith we gather here.**

**Jesus speaks across the ages:**

**“I am with you; do not fear!”**

**By your body broken for us,**

**By your wine of life outpoured,**

**Jesus, feed again your people.**

**Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**By the loaves you break and give us,  
Send us in your name to share  
Bread for which the millions hunger,  
Words that tell your love and care.**

**By your body broken for us,  
By your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

## **THE OFFERING**

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## **MUSICAL MEDITATION** *(Andy Chen)*

*Impromptu No. 3 in G-flat*



Schubert, arr. Chen

# **DOXOLOGY 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: Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When you open your hand, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to you whenever we are in need, trusting in your love and your abundant goodness. As you once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that you would again fill those who are empty this day. Pour out your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

ONE: We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty. We think especially of the people who are facing critical food shortages; who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

**MANY: Lord, in your mercy, open your hand. Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

ONE: We pray for those who are empty emotionally—who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression or overwhelmed with grief.

**MANY: Lord, in your mercy, open your hand. Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**



ONE: We pray for those who are spiritually empty—who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need you, but do not yet know you.

**MANY: Lord, in your mercy, open your hand. Pour out your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

ONE: God, we praise you for your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.

**MANY: Lord, in your mercy, open your hand. Pour out your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

ONE: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from you. We pray now the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

**MANY: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# **HYMN**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*AR HYDY NOS*

**For the fruit of all creation,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,**

**Silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,**

**God's will be done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor,**

**God's will be done.**

**In our world-wide task of caring**

**For the hungry and despairing,**

**In the harvests we are sharing,**

**God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,**

**Thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,**

**For the truths that still confound us,**

**Most of all that love has found us,**

**Thanks be to God.**

# **THE BLESSING OF ENOUGH**

## **POSTLUDE** *(Jes Stehr)*

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Kirchengesange, arr. Rice

# WORSHIP NOTES

We thank **Rev. Sarah Colwill** for filling the pulpit this morning! Sarah oversees two Lilly Endowment-funded ministry initiatives of the Philadelphia Presbytery. The first is a clergy care program, *Cultivating Enough in the Care of Clergy*, which resources our pastors serving small churches, churches in communities of color, and church plants (and replants). The second is a preaching initiative, *Expanding the Pulpit*, a two-track program for pastors to strengthen their preaching skills, and for lay leaders to encourage their voice in the pulpit. Rev. Colwill has been with the presbytery since April of 2021. Prior to this call she served in the bounds of our presbytery as pastor at Church on the Mall, campus minister at Drexel University, and associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Flourtown).

We also thank **Diana Reingruber** for serving as our Liturgist this morning, and **Jes Stehr** and **Andy Chen** for their musical contributions. Our worship is enriched and blessed by their leadership!

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