

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Worship Service*

*Northampton Presbyterian Church*

*October 6, 2024*

*World Communion Sunday*

*Mission Sunday*

*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

Trish Conover, Music Director

**Pilgrim's Song**

**Tchaikovsky**  
**arr. Ritter**

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Bible Study, Wednesday, October 9, 1:00pm

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

**MANY: We gather with them in heart and mind.**

ONE: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

**MANY: As part of that body we join in its unity.**

ONE: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

**MANY: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

ONE: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty!

# **HYMN #25:**

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

**O lord, our God ,how excellent, how glorious is your name  
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.**

**The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe,  
To think the One who made all things should care for us at all.**

Yet you made us less than gods, surpassing all but you,  
With heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.

Into our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place  
We're called to probe for secret gifts and venture in to space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name,  
Majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

# Responsive Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors,

**MANY: We gather here today as a rebellious people**

ONE: We want to act out your intentions for us,

**MANY: but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world.**

ONE: You tell us to honor Creation,

**MANY: but we use it for our gain.**

ONE: You offer bread to every living creature,

**MANY: and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed.**

ONE: You promise us new life,

**MANY: but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death  
dealing ways.**

ONE: Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet.

**MANY: We need your healing presence among us, that your good  
intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

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

## **RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ONE:** Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING**

*Psalm 8*

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*

# **SERMON**

**THE ROOM WHERE IT HAPPENS**

**Rev. Judith A Dwyer**

**HYMN #630:            Fairest Lord Jesus**

**CRUSADERS' HYMN**

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all  
Nature, O thou of God to earth come  
Down, thee will I cherish, thee will I  
Honor, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fairest are the meadows, fairer still the  
Woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of  
Spring Jesus is fairer; Jesus is  
Purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the  
Moonlight, and all twinkling, starry  
Host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines  
Purer, than all the angels heaven can boast**

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the  
Nation, Son of God and Son of  
Man Glory and honor, praise,  
Adoration, now and forever more be thine!**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# THE OFFERING

*(Scan the QR Code to give online →)*



# OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Share the Lord

Leech



# **COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table (sung to the tune for “We Gather Together.”)**

**We come to this table, O God, with thanksgiving.**

**We lift up our hearts, we remember, we pray.**

**We hear Jesus’ welcome-- inviting, forgiving;**

**We know your Spirit’s peace as we feast here today.**

**We dine at your table as sisters and brothers,**

**Diverse in our cultures, yet nourished as one.**

**The bread and the cup that we share here with others**

**Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.**

**SHARING OF BREAD ANND WINE**

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

**... In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**(sung; Hymn #426 on inside back cover of hymnal)**

**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 #295:**

**GO to the World**

**SINE NOMINE**

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.**

**Go preach the cross where Christ's renews life's worth,  
Baptizing as the sign of rebirth.**

**Alleluia Alleluia**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.**

**Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.**

**Go seek God's presence in each time and space.**

**Alleluia Alleluia**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia Alleluia**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
For I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia Alleluia**

# **POSTLUDE**

Trish Conover, Music Director

**Enter His Courts With Praise!**

**Adam Mason**

# WORSHIP NOTES:

•Cover Art, "Color My World" by Linda Salitrynski (Pennsylvania) as seen at Quilt Art.[quiltart.com](http://quiltart.com)

The Call to Worship is written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits. <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

The Prayer of Confession is written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

The Assurance of Pardon is written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

The Prayers of the People are from a worship service written by Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette for the Center for Christian Ethics. Posted on <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/174967.pdf>

The Benediction is by Nathan Nettleton. Copyright © 2003 Nathan Nettleton [www.laughingbird.net](http://www.laughingbird.net)

Hymns are from the Glory to God Hymnal, The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Louisville, KY, 2017. All are licensed for use by CCLI.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license # A-739749.