

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

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November 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion and Remembrance Sunday

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Communion Morning

Richard Blake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today following worship: Conversation with Rev. Diane Fitch.
- Wednesday, 11/6, 1 pm-Bible study for everyone.
- Wednesday, 11/6, 10 am Mission Meeting.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

We are called to love the Lord our God.

And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Come, let us love our God

and share God's love in this time of worship!

HYMN # 81:

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**Round each habitation hovering see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe thy feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**See, the streams of living water, springing from eternal love.
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

we confess that we have been caught up in the ways of the world.

**Instead of looking to commandments and rules as a way to guide our life,
we use them to punish and restrict others.**

Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions.

Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives.

Call us back to your way of life,

a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness.

**Call us back to a way of life that honors you and creation,
and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In the name of Jesus the Christ, who ended sacrifice and death
and fulfilled the promise of new life, we pray. Amen.**

We pause for a moment of silent personal confession

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God:
“As far as the east is from the west,
so far does God remove our transgressions from us.”
Know that you are 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT THEATER

MARK 12:28-34

SERMON

It's All That Easy And It's All That Hard

Rev. Judith A Dwyer

HYMN #769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

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**For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
Joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice , justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power
For woman and man, a system that's fair.**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
Joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice , justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong,**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
Joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice , justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live,**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
Joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice , justice and joy!**

**For everyone born , a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free,**

Refrain

**And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
Joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice , justice and joy!**

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Lloyd Larson

Corinne Kauermann, violin

Communion

The Invitation: Hymn #529, (vs. 1 and 2)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly
In your name two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them. Allelulia!
Allelulia! Here we touch your garments hem.**

**As the disciples used to gather in the name of
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver
Break the bread and bless the cup, Allelulia!
Allelulia! so now bind our friendship up.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayers of Remembrance and The Lord's Prayer

.... but simply by the call and the healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior, who taught us, when we pray, to pray like this:

MANY: 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 #326

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who

Thee by faith before the world confessed, thy

Name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet
All are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and
Hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's whole bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through
Gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Responsive Commission and Benediction

Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord.

Therefore go out into the world

and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself.

And may God give you justice and freedom;

May Christ Jesus set you free for love;

and may the Holy Spirit go where you go

and protect you on your way.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Rejoice, Rejoice, this Happy Morn

Paul Taylor

WORSHIP NOTES

We thank the Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch, Chair of the Commission on Ministry of the Philadelphia Presbytery, for worshiping with us today. Diane has recently retired from serving the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Montgomery County (aka the Flourtown Presbyterian Church) and is keeping busy in retirement!

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