

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Alex Zappa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Family Movie Night, Friday (7/19) at 6:30 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 24)

ONE: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it! From the east to the west, from the north to the south, God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

MANY: From the east to the west, from the north to the south, we gather together, united by God's Spirit, to celebrate God's glory and proclaim God's praise!

ONE: Let us worship God together!

HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:

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 resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

Elder Jim Ballengee

HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,

And left me there on a cross to die.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

They cut me down and I leapt up high.

I am the life that will never, never die.

I'll live in you if you'll live in me,

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

THE OFFERING

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MUSICAL MEDITATION *(Andy Chen, Soloist)*

Goodness of God Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram, and Johnson

The congregation is invited to join in when cued by Andy...

Bridge (2nd time when cued):

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

With my life laid down I surrender now, I give you everything

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Chorus (2nd time when cued):

And all my life you have been faithful

And all my life you have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I will sing of the goodness of God

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... We pray all these things in the name of the One who came to give us life everlasting, who taught all who would follow him to pray like this:

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

**God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thy ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

Save us from weak resignation

To the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation

Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving thee whom we adore,

Serving thee whom we adore.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Keep Your Eyes Wide Open

ONE: Keep your eyes wide open,

MANY: Your hands willing,

ONE: Your hearts generous,

MANY: Your ears attentive,

ONE: Your senses awake,

MANY: Your feet light,

ONE: Your hope alive,

MANY: And your faith on fire.

ONE: Go and shine wherever you may be.

MANY: Go and embrace with tenderness all of life, with its sorrows and joys.

ONE: Go and know what divinity expects and what your brothers and sisters seek.

MANY: May the creative force bless you.

ONE: May the divine solidarity sustain you.

MANY: And may you be encouraged and enveloped by the tender breath that brings freedom. Amen.

POSTLUDE

O Happy Day That Fixed My Choice

arr. Marilyn Ham

Please join us after the coffee hour to hear Jim Ballengee share about the new initiatives he's helping with in the Presbytery, including New River Church.

WORSHIP NOTES:

We welcome Ruling Elder **Jim Ballengee** to our pulpit this morning! Jim grew up as a member of Ardmore Presbyterian Church and joined Arch Street Presbyterian Church in the first class of Elders in 2009 as the church began to grow again. He has served on Session for 8 years at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in addition to roles on Personnel, Nominating and Mission and Outreach. He is completing his sixth year on the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry – the last 2 ½ years as Moderator of the group.

Jim also serves on the Administrative Commission for New River Presbyterian Church and on the Community Advisory Council as well. He was a Commissioner to General Assembly at St. Louis in 2018.

In the city of Philadelphia, Jim is a Board member of The Christopher Ludwick Foundation, serves on the Board of Historic Rittenhouse Town and was one of the founding Board members of St. James School. He also was instrumental in the establishment of The Center of Public Purpose at William Penn Charter School – enabling students to go deeper into issues of education, food insecurity and poverty.

He is married to Elaine, has three grown daughters and two grandchildren. In any spare time remaining, he enjoys reading and hiking and is obsessed with crossing the Grand Canyon on foot.

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

The **Call to Worship** is written by Christine Longhurst and posted on re:Worship. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

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