

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 4, 2024

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

MANY: Jesus is the living bread!

ONE: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

MANY: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

ONE: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

MANY: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever sing to thee.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(Reader's Theater)*

John 6:24-35

ONE: When the crowd realized that Jesus was gone, they boarded their small boats and crossed the sea to Capernaum, looking for Him. When they found Jesus across the sea, they questioned Him.

TWO: Teacher, when did you arrive at Capernaum?

THREE: I tell you the truth—you are tracking me down because I fed you, not because you saw signs from God. Don't spend your life chasing food that spoils and rots. Instead, seek the food that lasts into all the ages, and comes from the Son of Man, the One on whom God the Father has placed His seal.

TWO: What do we have to do to accomplish the Father's works?

THREE: If you want to do God's work, then believe in the One He sent.

TWO: Can you show us a miraculous sign? Something spectacular? If we see something like that, it will help us to believe. Our fathers ate manna when they wandered in the desert. The Hebrew Scriptures say, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

THREE: I tell you the truth: Moses did not give you bread from heaven; it is my Father who offers you true bread from heaven. The bread of God comes down out of heaven and breathes life into the cosmos.

TWO: Master, we want a boundless supply of this bread.

THREE: I am the bread that gives life. If you come to My table and eat, you will never go hungry. Believe in Me, and you will never go thirsty.

A SERMON TO SHARE

A Basket Full of Blessings

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek, and you shall find;

Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE OFFERING

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MUSICAL MEDITATION *(Jes Stehr & Trish Conover)*

Salvation Medley

arr. Melody Baker

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation (Sung) HYMN

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; Drink this cup;

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Eat this bread; drink this cup;

Come to Christ and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; Drink this cup;

Trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving

ONE: Jesus, you came that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You poured living water into lives that were parched and thirsty.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You fed souls that were hungry with the bread of life.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You brought healing through a touch that knew no prejudice or barrier.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You brought Salvation through the cross.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You brought a means through which we could be made right again with our Creator.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You brought comfort to the sorrowing, liberty to the poor.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You accept us as we are, and mold us into the people we were meant to be.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

ONE: You enable broken lives and relationships to be made whole again.

MANY: Precious Jesus, we offer you our praise and thanks.

HYMN

The Lord's Prayer (Sung):

Our Father, which 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,

Forever, Amen.

HYMN

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

BLESSING:

Bread of Life

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

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