

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

“Music Sunday”

April 23, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE (*Jessica Stehr, vibraphone*)

Dona Nobis

DONA NOBIS PACEM

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

MANY: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

ONE: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

MANY: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

MANY: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

ONE: For the Lord is good;

MANY: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 OF INVOCATION

READING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Make My Life a Song

Mary Rarden and Mark Burrows

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears,
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice;
The poor in heart believe.**

READING

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Chris Tomlin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:18-20

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

REFLECTION

Easter Playlist

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

RESPONSIVE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

(based on Psalm 92:1-2, 4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4)

ONE: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name,
O Most High,

**MANY: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness
at night.**

ONE: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at
the works of your hands.

**MANY: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to
the Rock of our salvation.**

ONE: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

MANY: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

ONE: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

MANY: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

ONE: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

MANY: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

ANTHEM

Anthem of Praise

Richard Smallwood

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(vibraphone and chimes)

Meditation on “Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Gottry

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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

**When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!**

**So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

SENDING POEM

POSTLUDE *(piano/organ duet)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. McDonald/Larson

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