

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*“Simple Gifts Worship”
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

*July 2, 2023
10:00 AM*

PRELUDE

Opening Voluntary

Thomas P. Ryder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 89:1-2)

ONE: I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

MANY: Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

ONE: Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence.

HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!**

**O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!**

**O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

More Than Enough

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

RESPONSIVE INDEPENDENCE DAY LITANY

ONE: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the brave women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For all who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road,
and town by town,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all
who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who
paid by their sacrifice,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers
and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the
common good,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts,
fields and meadows,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: For our own community, for those who came before us in this
place, and for our neighbors near and far,

MANY: We thank you, Lord.

ONE: Lord, we pray for the United States, that we might always be a
nation that defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth
and justice.

MANY: We pray to you, Lord.

ONE: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

MANY: We pray to you, Lord.

ONE: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

MANY: We pray to you, Lord.

ONE: That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

MANY: We pray to you, Lord.

ONE: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

MANY: We pray to you, Lord.

ONE: Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless all who live in this land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING SENTENCE

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Andante



W. A. Mozart

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (sung)

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

WELCOME BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Variations on America

Charles Zeuner

OUR GUEST MUSICIAN THIS MORNING IS MR. JUSTIN HARTZ:

While Trish takes a well-deserved vacation, we are once again delighted to welcome concert organist Justin Hartz! Mr. Hartz received his Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey and Master of Music from The Juilliard School. He is the recipient of numerous scholarships including an E. Power Biggs Fellow of The Organ Historical Society.



In 1989, Hartz began his association with Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. At Longwood he performs recitals and sing-alongs as one of the Holiday season organists on the historic 10,010 Pipe Aeolian Organ, the largest residence pipe organ in North America.

Mr. Hartz performed the dedication recital of the restored E.M. Skinner organ at Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina. He has recorded numerous CD's and videos.

Mr. Hartz's interests include historically-informed performances on the piano and its predecessors. He is also an advocate for the reed organ. To that end, he has been interviewed by NPR affiliate WVIA, Scranton, for a recital he performed on a large two manual and pedal Estey reed organ last fall.

(With thanks to The Concert Artist Cooperative. www.concertartistcooperative.com/justin-hartz)

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Litany for Independence Day** is written by Rick Morley, and posted on the Rick Morley blog. <http://www.rickmorley.com/archives/1673>

The **Invitation to the Lord's Supper** is from a prayer written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook. <http://paintedprayerbook.com>

The **Prayer of Thanksgiving** is posted on Joanna Harader on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com>

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