

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*“Simple Gifts Worship”
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost*

*August 13, 2023
10:00 AM*

PRELUDE

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Facilities Committee, Monday (8/14) at 7 PM on Zoom.
- Sunday, September 3rd: Perkasio Park.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

MANY: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

ONE: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

MANY: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!'

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

ONE: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

MANY: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

ONE: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

MANY: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

ONE: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

MANY: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

ONE: When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,

MANY: He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

ONE: His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;

MANY: Until what he had said came to pass, the word of the LORD kept testing him.

ONE: The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

MANY: He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,

ONE: To instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

MANY: Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

Strange Salvation

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Precious Lord

PRECIOUS LORD

**Precious Lord, take my hand;
Lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.**

OFFERING SENTENCE

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MUSICAL OFFERING *(Kevin Kauermann, cello & Trish Conover, Piano)*

For Those Who Love Him

Lasky

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

ONE: Go from this place with joy, giving thanks to God, proclaiming His goodness, celebrating His love, and worshipping Him with your lives.

MANY: For He is the Lord our God, faithful to a thousand generations.

ONE: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and among you in the days ahead. Amen!

BLESSING

Blessing on the Water

POSTLUDE

Marche

Gounod

WORSHIP NOTES:

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