

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
“Remembrance Sunday”

November 12, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn

arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christian Life Groups (Israel and Palestine), today following the worship service.
- Facilities Committee, Monday (11/13) at 7 PM on ZOOM.
- Fall Adult Study, Tuesday (11/14) at 12 PM.
- Worship Committee, Tuesday (11/14) at 7 PM.
- Esther Circle, Wednesday (11/15) at 9:30 AM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We come to hear the stories of other people in another world long ago.

MANY: We come to hear the stories that are also about us, today, in this place.

ONE: God, give us ears to listen, eyes to see, hearts to accept.

MANY: We worship you now in the Spirit of Truth.

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,

And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart;

Lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge shall come
And gather all the saints
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-10

ONE: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

MANY: For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

ONE: Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

MANY: Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *GLORY TO GOD*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 10:12-13, 17-21

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON

What God Requires of a Nation

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

RESPONSIVE LITANY FOR VETERANS

ONE: We pause to honor those who serve in our name.

MANY: We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

ONE: Remind us, O God, that the goal of any action taken by a nation is justice and peace.

MANY: On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

ONE: We seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

MANY: Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

ONE: Remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran all know the cost of war.

MANY: Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

ONE: We pray for a time when peace will reign and swords become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

MANY: And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace. We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. Amen.

HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Geri Broaddus, God's Window Preschool Director

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Unseen Blessings



Mark Hayes

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

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of
The coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning
Of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.**

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

**God has sounded forth the trumpet
That shall never call retreat
And is sifting out all human hearts
Before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer;
O be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

Glory, glory hallelujah!
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Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

**In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom
That transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy,
Let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on.**

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God's truth is marching on.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Patriotic Armed Forces Medley

arr. Amy Potter

WORSHIP NOTES:

- The **Call to Worship** is posted by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com>
- The **Prayer of Confession**, **Prayer for Illumination**, and the **Prayers of the People** are written by Teri McDowell Ott and posted on the website of The Presbyterian Outlook. pres-outlook.org, November 2023. Accessed November 1, 2023.
- The **Litany for Veterans** was written by Tony Williams in 2013 and is posted on ProgressiveChristianity.org: A Litany for Veterans.
- The **Charge and Benediction** are posted on re-worship.blogspot.com.
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