



Worship Service

NORTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 12, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

MANY: **The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.**

ALL: **Let us worship our God.**

OPENING PRAYER:

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN: ***This Is My Father's World (vs. 1, 3)***

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who can turn the shadow of death into the morning; who has lightened mine eyes that I sleep not in death. Blot out as a night-mist my iniquities and scatter my sins as a morning cloud. Grant that I may become a child of the light, and of the day. Oh Lord, let me hear your loving-kindness in the morning, for in you is my trust; and teach me to do the things that please you most, for you are my God. This through him, in whose love we have been made one, even Jesus Christ (Take time for silent confession). AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC BY:

Aimee O'Neill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING:

From the Hebrew Scriptures – Psalm 8

From the Greek Scriptures – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON:

The Glory of the Garden

Dr. Mann

CLOSING HYMN:

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation
Of the new day!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION