

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 24, 2022

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Mozart Piano Sonata #1

Theme

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Breakfast, Wednesday (7/27) at 9 AM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 138)

ONE: We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord, with all our heart!

MANY: We will sing Your praises before all creation, and rejoice in Your steadfast love!

ONE: You have created us, O Lord, and made us for Yourself.

MANY: In You we become everything You have made us to be!

HYMN

Jesus, We Are Here

Jesus, we are here;

Jesus, we are here;

Jesus, we are here;

We are here for you.

Savior, we are here;

Savior, we are here;

Savior, we are here;

We are here for you.

JESUS, TAWA PANO

**Teacher, we are here;
Teacher, we are here;
Teacher, we are here;
We are here for you.**

**Spirit, we are here;
Spirit, we are here;
Spirit, we are here;
We are here for you.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

SERMON

Seeking After the Stargiver

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Allelujah!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Allelujah!**

**You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Allelujah!**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Hymn
Arr. for cello & piano by David S. Abramsk

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 it is 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, forever. Amen.

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Mozart Piano Sonata #11

Variation

**We thank Andy Chen, Jessica Stehr, and Kevin Kauermann
for their musical leadership this morning!**



Blessing the Door

by Jan L. Richardson*

First let us say a blessing
upon all who have entered here before us.

You can see the sign of their passage
by the worn place on the doorframe
as they walked through,
the smooth sill of the threshold
where they crossed.

Press your ear to the door
for a moment before you enter
and you will hear their voices murmuring
words you cannot quite make out
but know are full of welcome.

On the other side these ones who wait –
for you, if you do not know by now –
understand what a blessing can do

how it appears like nothing you expected
how it arrives as visitor, outrageous invitation,
child; how it takes the form of angel or dream;
how it comes in words like
How can this be? and lifted up the lowly:
how it sounds like in the wilderness prepare the way.

Those who wait for you know
how the mark of a true blessing
is that it will take you where you did not think to go.

Once through this door there will be more:
more doors more blessings more who watch and wait for you
but here at this door of beginning
the blessings cannot be said without you.

So lay your palm against the frame that those before you touched
place your feet where others paused in this entryway.
Say the thing that you most need and the door will open wide.

And by this word the door is blessed
and by this word the blessing is begun
from which, door by door, all the rest will come.

*from *Through the Advent Door: Entering a Contemplative Christmas*, FL: Orlando, Wanton Gospeller Press, 2011.

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is posted on the Lectionary Sermons Archives
<http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>.

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by Thomas, and posted on
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