

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 23, 2022*

*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Drive-Thru Food Drive, today from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM.
- Women's Breakfast, Wednesday (1/26) at 9 AM at Manny's.
- Esther Circle, Thursday (1/27) at 12:30 PM.
- Annual Congregational Meeting, next Sunday (1/30) following the worship service. Annual Reports are now available for review.

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*\*\* Inspired by Psalm 19*

*ONE: Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for your handwriting and your voice in this place, among these people.*

**MANY: Connect our fleeting praise to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise.**

*ONE: Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all of these might become more than they are.*

**MANY: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.  
Amen.**

# HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

**Arise, your light is come!**

**The Spirit's call obey;**

**Show forth the glory of your God,**

**Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come!**

**Fling wide the prison door;**

**Proclaim the captives' liberty,**

**Good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.**

# UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*\*\* Inspired by Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18-19*

**God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In the multitude of ways we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, we call upon your grace to lead us back on track.**

*(We pause for a moment of silent personal confession).*

# RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ONE: This is the time of God's favor. God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind, Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. We live as loved, forgiven and free people through the grace of God!*

**MANY: Hallelujah! Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 4:14-21*

## A BRIEF WORD

*A God's Eye View*

*Rev. Judith A Dwyer*

# HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*SPIRIT*

*\* Our singers will sing the verses and the congregation joins in the refrain:*

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
Blow through the wilderness,  
Calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
Stir me from placidness,  
Wind, wind on the sea.**

# OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER LITANY AND

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*ONE: Spirit, you are alive in me.*

**MANY: And sometimes I'm afraid.**

*ONE: Spirit, you nudge me. You whisper in my ear. You blow around me,  
urging me to action.*

**MANY: And sometimes I'm afraid.**

*ONE: Spirit, you are alive in me. And you are always here. Always moving, always calling. And I am unaware.*

**MANY: And sometimes I'm afraid.**

*ONE: Afraid of the task. Afraid of caring. Afraid of responsibility. Afraid of myself.*

**MANY: Spirit, you are alive in me.**

*ONE: And I will let you lead me. And I will hear you call me. And I will journey with you, even when I'm afraid.*

**MANY: Spirit, you are alive in me, and I am alive in you.**

*The pastor will offer prayers for those in need of help and healing.*

**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**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

*ST PETER*

**In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close binding all humankind.**

**Join hands then, brothers of the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both East and West;  
In Him meet South and North.  
All Christly souls are one in Him  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

## **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*ONE: You are the body of Christ. May you have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy. May you have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need. May you have the feet of Christ to bring good news. Go in peace!*

**MANY: And God go with you.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## ***High Flight***

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds,-- and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of -- Wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark or even eagle flew --  
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

~ by John Gillespie Magee, Jr



*Save the Dates*  
**VOICES OF MISSION**

*A speaker series on Wednesday nights during Lent.*

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is posted on My Redeemer Lives website.  
<http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

The **Prayer Litany** is written by Judy Judd, in Peter Judd, ed., *Prayers and Readings for Worship, Volume 2* (Herald Publishing House, 1996, ISBN 9780830907199), 20. Posted on Community of Christ. <http://www.cofchrist.org/worship12-13/13-10-27.asp>

The **Poem** “High Flight” was written by poet and fighter pilot John Gillespie Magee Jr, son of Anglican missionaries stationed in China. Magee was an award-winning poet and Pilot Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force by the age of 19, when he was killed during a mid-flight training accident in December of 1941. His poem was referenced by President Ronald Reagan in the aftermath of the 1986 *Challenger* disaster.  
[Poetry - John Magee - High Flight - Oh I have slipped the surly bonds of earth \(davidpbrown.co.uk\)](http://www.davidpbrown.co.uk)

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