

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 2022  
10:00 AM*



# PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lenten Music Series—Carrie Lessene**, Tuesday (3/29) at 12 PM, in-person and livestreamed.
- **Voices in Mission!—Adan Mairena**, Wednesday (3/30) at 7 PM, in-person and livestreamed.
- Service of Installation, next Sunday (4/3) at 3 PM. Reminder, please RSVP to the church office: 215-357-8282 or [npchurch@comcast.net](mailto:npchurch@comcast.net).

## **UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP** *(base on Psalm 32)*

**Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered. They are happy for the Lord declares them "not guilty" and there is no deception in their hearts. Let us worship and rejoice in the One who is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.**

## **HYMN**

*God Is Here!*

*ABBOT'S LEIGH*

**God is here! As we your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.**

**Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the gospel;  
Help us work your purpose out.**

**Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! We believe!**

# RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Holy One, the space between us is too great—

**MANY: This agonizing expanse between you and us:**

ONE: The rift we have created by demanding our share.

**MANY: The distance we have put between us as we flee to a far country.**

ONE: The resentment we hold when things don't seem fair.

**MANY: Our refusal to join your gracious party.**

ONE: Forgive each selfish request

**MANY: Each step away**



ONE: Each bitter thought

**MANY: Each joyless rejection.**

ONE: Forgive us

**MANY: And run toward us with open arms.**

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

# RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: In Christ Jesus old things are done away with, all things become new.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

ONE: In receiving forgiveness we are made agents of grace and reconciliation.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

ONE: With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)*

**Glory to God,  
Whose goodness shines o 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.**

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Joshua 5:9-12*

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

# **SERMON**

*What's Your Brother's Life Worth?*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# **HYMN**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*IN BABILONE*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea.**

**There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.**

**There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven.**

**There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word,  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving,  
For the goodness of our Lord.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**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

*Let All Things Now Living*

*ASH GROVE*

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
By guiding us on to the end of our days.**

**God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.**

**We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

The **Call to Worship** is posted on Lectionary Sermons Archive website.

<http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>.

The **Prayer of Confession** was written by Rev. Joanna Harader and posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>. Joanna blogs at Spacious Faith.

<http://spaciousfaith.com/>

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

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