

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Easter

May 1, 2022

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

At the Cross

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mission Committee, Monday (5/2) at 7 PM.
- SBRM Blanket Group, Wednesday (5/4) at 10 AM.
- Movie Night: West Side Story, Friday (5/6) at 6:50 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

~ *Based on Psalm 30*

ONE: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones,

MANY: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

ONE: Where there was no way,

MANY: God leads us in a new way.

ONE: Where there was no mercy,

MANY: God surprises us with fresh mercy.

ONE: Where there was weeping,

MANY: God invites us to step into a new dance.

HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

LORD OF THE DANCE

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that will never, never die.**

**I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

**And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

~ Inspired by Acts 9:1-20

ONE: God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

MANY: Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends.

ONE: We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

MANY: We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings and our well-meaning crusades.

ONE: Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes, that we may bring hope and peace to our world.

MANY: Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.

MANY: **Thanks be to God!**

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.**

READING

A Dialogue Between Saul and Paul (based on Acts 9:1-19)

HOLY CONVERSATION

Comeuppance and Conversion

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

Rev. Adan Mairena

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Above All

ARR. MARK HAYES

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

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer 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 Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one;
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.**

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

**Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

*Please remain on the livestream following the final hymn to hear more about **West Kensington Ministry** from today's distinguished guest, the Reverend Adan Mairena. Following his presentation, Adan will dismiss us with the **BENEDICTION.***

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Rev. Susan A. Blain, and posted on the **Worship Ways** website.

<http://uccfiles.com>

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by Sandra Miller, and posted on the Worship Elements page of the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com>

The **Dialogue Sermon** is adapted from a piece written by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, Minister of New Kilpatrick Church. Posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/starters_for_sunday

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