

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Second Sunday in Easter*

*“Worshipful Work”*

*April 24, 2022*

*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Welcoming Church/Outreach Committee, Monday (4/25) at 11 AM.
- Women's Breakfast at Manny's, Wednesday (4/27) at 9 AM.
- Esther Circle, Thursday (4/28) at 10 AM.

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*~ Inspired by Psalm 118*

ONE: The Lord be with you!

**MANY: And also with you!**

ONE: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**MANY: We will give God thanks, for God has answered us; The Lord has become our salvation.**

ONE: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**MANY: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

ONE: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**MANY: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

# **HYMN**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light,  
And listening to his accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful;  
Let earth its song begin;  
The round world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end.**

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and hatred still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

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

# RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: This is the good news:

**MANY: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

ONE: Let us walk in the light of his love.

**MANY: Let us live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

ONE: Let us worship the One who overcame death.

**MANY: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*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.**

# “THE WORD: POEMS, PRAYERS & PROMISE”

## READER’S THEATER

*Based on John 20:19-31*

## HOLY CONVERSATION:

*A Prayer (By Judy Judd)*

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.**

## **HYMN**

*Breathe on Me, Breathe of God*

*TRENTHAM*

*A Song (vs. 1):*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

*A Question:*

**What must never change?**

*A Song (vs. 2):*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

*A Question:*

**What can we let go?**



*A Song (vs. 3):*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with thy fire divine.**

*A Question:*

**What needs to be created?**

*A Song (vs. 3):*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.**

# **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.**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING OFFERTORY**

# **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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.**

## **HYMN**

*Thine Is the Glory*

*JUDAS MACCABEUS*

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**





**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

## WORSHIP NOTES:

**The Prayer of Confession** is written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

Our time of **Holy Conversation** is introduced by a litany 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 **Prayer of Dedication** is written by Laura Jaquith Barlett, and posted on **Ministry Matters**.

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2528/worship-elements-april-12-2015>

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer posted on Literature & Liturgy.

<https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com>

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