

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 12, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

## **PRELUDE** *(Andy Chen)*

*Elegy for the Victims of the 3/11/2011  
Earthquake and Tsunami*

Nobuyuki Tsujii

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Today's Christian Life Groups Lent Study: Meeting Jesus at the Table, Chapter 3.
- Facilities Committee, Monday (3/13) at 7 PM.
- "Bible Study for Everyone," Tuesday (3/14) at 10:30 AM.
- Worship Committee, Tuesday (3/14) at 7 PM.
- Esther Circle, Wednesday (3/15) at 9:30 AM.
- Sharing Session: "Life on Two Wheels" with John Dwyer, Wednesday (3/15) at 2 PM.

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Mighty God, you welcome us into your Kingdom as honored guests.

**MANY: You give us water to wash our feet, you give us a kiss of greeting, and you anoint our heads with oil.**

ONE: Merciful God, You welcome us even though we are sinners.

**MANY: You forgive our debts and give us a seat at your table.**

ONE: Wondrous God, we have come here to give you our worship and praise.

**MANY: May we make a joyful noise at your table!**

# HYMN

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*MADRID*

**Come, Christians, join to sing:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Loud praise to Christ our King:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice,**

**Before his throne rejoice;**

**Praise is his gracious choice:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend;**

**To us he'll condescend;**

**His love shall never end:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Life shall not end the strain:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven's blissful shore**

**His goodness we'll adore,**

**Singing forevermore:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

# UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We must admit, God our Parent, how much we are like children. We become resentful over the fact that you do not do what we think you should do. We pout when a friend decides to spend more time with someone else. We can turn sullen when our loved ones refuse to let us have our way. You could bring disaster upon us, Loving God, but you choose to give us what we don't deserve — the grace and mercy of your heart. Pour out your tenderness upon us, so Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, might live in us, and we might offer our lives in service to others.**

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

# **RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: God not only listens to the cries on our lips, but also pays attention to the groanings of our hearts. God restores us to wholeness, and invites us to a new way of living.

**MANY: We are welcomed, we are loved, we are given new life, we are filled with peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**



# **HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father*

*GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 7:36-50*

**SERMON**

*Self-Talk and Salty Tears*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# HYMN

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

# **BLESSING OF OUR HANDS**

## *Responsive Invitation*

ONE: May God enter into this time of blessing.

**MANY: We're standing on holy ground.**

ONE: For God is present.

**MANY: And where God is, is holy.**

ONE: Ours are holy hands.

**MANY: God has given us holy hands.**

ONE: God works through these hands.

**MANY: And so these hands are holy.**

ONE: Where God is, is holy.

**MANY: The work of our hands is holy work.**

*Prayer of Blessing*

*Blessing and Anointing of Hands*

(The pastor will anoint the hands of those who desire anointing)

## *Responsive Confirmation of Blessing*

ONE: God blesses our hands for service.

**MANY: We receive the strength offered by our Creator.**

ONE: Let us also receive the vision to see with the eyes of our hearts

**MANY: And the courage to persevere in difficult times.**

ONE: May all whose lives we touch come to know God's love.

**MANY: May that same love be a consolation to us.**

ONE: Let us return to our work with blessed hands that are attentive, healing, compassionate, reliable and hard-working.

**MANY: We go, renewed and refreshed, ready to imagine the peace Christ brings in new ways.**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Worthy Is the Lamb*



*Robert Clatterbuck*



# **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.**

# **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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

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**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**

*Come, Creator Spirit*

*David Lasky*

## WORSHIP NOTES:

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