

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:00 AM

This Morning's Guest Musician:

Josie Schast

We welcome Josephine "Josie" Schast to our organ bench this morning! Josie holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Temple University and a Master's in Music from Arcadia University. She is a 26-year veteran of the Philadelphia School System, having taught music education in grades K-8. She has also served as Music Director and Cantor at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia and at Seven Dolours Roman Catholic Church in Wyndmoor. Presently one of five organists employed at Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church in Abington, Josie has also served as pianist at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and substitute organist at East Falls Presbyterian Church.

PRELUDE

Holy Is The Lord

Franz Schubert

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission Blanket Group, Wednesday (9/7) at 10 AM.
- **Communion Service**, next Sunday (9/11) at 10 AM.
- **Homecoming Brunch**, Sunday (9/18) following the worship service. Please sign-up in the narthex (*or contact the church office at npchurch@comcast.net*)
- **Christian Life Groups** begin (9/25) with a discussion study called “Just the Basics” based on the book *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* by Donald K. McKim.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

ONE: God has set before us life and death.

MANY: We long to choose life.

ONE: God has set before us blessings and curses.

MANY: We long to choose blessings.

ONE: So we gather to celebrate our life together in Christ.

MANY: We will praise God for all God has done for us!

ONE: Let us feast on the Word and let us sing of God's grace.

MANY: Let us worship God with joy!

HYMN

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord beside us your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones; bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God.

MANY: Amen.

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.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS

Jeremiah 18:1-11

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

The Past's Possessive

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!

Power, all power, surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway.

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

LABOR DAY 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

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

ST. LEONARDS

**May the mind of Christ my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only thou his pow'r.**

**May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.**

**May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing:
This is victory.**

**May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.**

**May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Our Way Rejoicing

(HERMAS) Frances B. Haverhill

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/tag/deuteronomy-30>

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com>

The **Prayer for Labor Day** is written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship. <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship>

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