

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022
10:00 AM*



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Facilities Committee Meeting, Monday (3/14) at 7 PM.
- **Lenten Music Series—Austin Woodlin**, Tuesday (3/15) at 12 PM, in-person and livestreamed.
- Session Meeting, Tuesday (3/15) at 7 PM.
- **Voices in Mission!—Rev. Rosemary Mitchell** (she is driving up from the PC(USA) national headquarters in Louisville to be with us), Wednesday (3/16) at 7 PM, in-person and livestreamed.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

The choir will introduce the refrain and the pastor and congregation will read the psalm responsively as indicated. At the conclusion of Verse 4, all are invited to sing the refrain with the choir.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

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ONE: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

MANY: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

ONE: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

MANY: And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in the LORD.

ONE: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

MANY: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD, to seek God in the temple.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

ONE: For on the day of trouble the LORD shall shelter me in safety; the LORD shall hide me in the secrecy of the holy place and set me high upon a rock.

MANY: Even now the LORD lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

ONE: Therefore I will offer in the holy place an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

ONE: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

MANY: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

ONE: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

MANY: You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

ONE: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:

In God I trust; in God I trust.

ONE: Show me your ways, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

MANY: Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

ONE: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

MANY: O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and the LORD shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the LORD.

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:
In God I trust; in God I trust.**

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In God I trust; in God I trust.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

**The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
The Ancient of Eternal Days,
The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I AM,
By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before your holy name,
Forever blest.**

**Your spirit still flows free,
High surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
And you speak still.
Established is your law,
And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart,
By your strong hand.**

**The goodly land we seek,
With peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty,
And Sabbath rest.**

**There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned.**

**You have eternal life
Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay,
While ages roll.**

**We praise You, living God!
We praise Your holy name:
The first, the last, beyond all thought,
And still the same!**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refuge of our hearts, we must speak of how we have not made you the center of our lives. We look for shelter in the false security of the world, not in your promises. Our fears are driven by our emotions and decisions, not by our trust in you. We look to the powerful, the beautiful, the wealthy to be our role models, instead of the One who comes in your name. Have mercy on us, our Light and our Hope, and touch us with your forgiving grace. Fill our hearts with your presence, so we might recognize the One who has come to gather us up and lead us into your Kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: God does not give us up to the temptations and ways of the world, but shelters us with love, with hope, with grace.

MANY: **We are forgiven people. Our songs of joy are lifted to the One who forgives us and saves us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Stardust and Promise - A Reflection on Genesis 15:1-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

What's Your House Worth?

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *(Choir)*

Meet Us Here

MIKE HOHNHOLZ

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

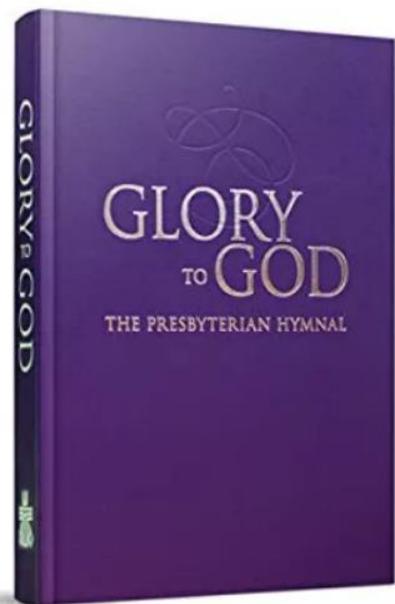
ONE: What if, instead of ashes, gold gleamed on our foreheads?

MANY: What if, alongside the certainty of death, we are also reminded of God's expansive grace?

ONE: What if on this day we said to one another, "From stardust you have come, and to stardust you shall one day return"?

MANY: To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.

POSTLUDE



HYMNAL UPDATE

With the goal of making available to the congregation a broad selection of hymns both old and new, the Worship Committee is excited to announce the purchase of the "Glory to God" Presbyterian Hymnal. We would like to offer members and friends of Northampton Presbyterian Church the opportunity to purchase a hymnal (**\$20 each**) in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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**Save the Date
for our Noon Hour Lenten**

MUSIC SERIES

**Tuesdays
in March**



VOICES IN MISSION!



*A WEDNESDAY NIGHT speaker series during Lent.
at 7 pm*

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Prayer of Invocation** is written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>

The **Prayer of Confession** and **Assurance of Pardon** are written by Thom Shuman and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>

The **Reflection** on Genesis 15 is written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>

The **Prayers of the People** are from a prayer written by Ann Weems from her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. KY: Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 1992, 40.

The **Blessing** is taken from "Full to the Brim" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Founder and Creative Director | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org and "Creator of the Stars of Night," Hymn #84 in the Glory to God Hymnal.

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