COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 7, 2022

10:00 AM

This Morning's Guest Musician: ***Katherine Reier***

We welcome Katherine Reier to our organ bench today! Katherine is a Registered Nurse, retired, having spent her career in direct patient care in hospice and intensive care. She has led a double life as a church musician also and is a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Katherine is a native of York and a resident of Abington.

PRELUDE

O People, Come Nigh J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “Java with Judy”, today following the worship service.
- Men’s Breakfast, Wednesday (8/10) at 8:30 AM at Robin Hood.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Hebrews 11-12)

ONE: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

MANY: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

ONE: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

MANY: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

SERMON

Dancing in Glass Slippers Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

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 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.

OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here J.S. Bach

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

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 (vss. 1-4)

Guide My Feet

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Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Hold my hand while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Hold my hand while I run this race,
For I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

I’m your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
I’m your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
I’m your child while I run this race,
For I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

MANY: The conviction of things not seen.

ONE: May the Holy God of limitless surprises,

MANY: Who has met us here in this place,

ONE: Lead us to touch that which we cannot see

MANY: And to hope for that which we have not dared to hope. Amen.

POSTLUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You J.S. Bach

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is posted on the website of the Purity Presbyterian Church. http://puritypc.com/

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