

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Lenten Supplication

J. Stroud

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christian Life Groups Lent Study: *Meeting Jesus at the Table, Ch 1 (pg. 12)*.
- Preschool Board Meeting, Monday (2/27) at 7 PM.
- “Bible Study for Everyone,” Tuesday (2/28) at 10:30 AM.
- American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday (3/1) 1:30 PM—6:30 PM.
- Sharing Session: “Life on Two Wheels” with John Dwyer, Weds (3/1) at 2 PM.
- Church Clean-out Day, Saturday (3/4) at 9 AM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Why have you come to this place?

MANY: We have come to find Jesus.

ONE: Why have you come today?

MANY: We are tired in body and spirit.

ONE: Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.

MANY: We are hungry with nothing to eat.

ONE: Come and eat your fill.

MANY: But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

ONE: There is plenty for all.

MANY: Will we find wholeness here?

ONE: Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost. Come, let us worship!

HYMN

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

**Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God,
For Jesus will never say no.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God,
For Jesus will never say no.**

**Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God;
Come, bring your burdens to God,
For Jesus will never say no.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: We come believing in our emptiness, believing that we will never have enough, believing that what we have is unworthy.

MANY: We come fearful of sharing, fearful of losing our tenuous grip on security, fearful of touching and knowing the pain of others.

ONE: We come overwhelmed by the hunger, overwhelmed by the suffering of children near and far, overwhelmed by the endless tales of senseless violence, greed, and death.

MANY: We come aching from the weight of responsibility, aching from the chilling challenge of knowing our abundance, aching from the gnawing awareness that we have much to share.

ONE: We come clinging to our full plates; bless them, and us; break them, and us; share them, and us.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 6:30-44

SERMON

Pay Attention!

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

Loaves were broken, words were spoken

By the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,

Was their food forevermore.

By your body broken for us,

By your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken
In a quiet room one night,
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.**

**By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Loaves are broken, words are spoken,

As in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:

“I am with you; do not fear!”

By your body broken for us,

By your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**By the loaves you break and give us,
Send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger,
Words that tell your love and care.**

**By your body broken for us,
By your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Scan the QR Code to give online →)



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Because of the Wonderful Cross

arr. Mary McDonald

RESIGNATION/Southern Harmony, 1835

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of God's grace!

**The name of Jesus charms our fears,
And bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice;
The poor in heart believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in F

David Lasky

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com>

The **Prayer for Illumination** is from the Church in Wales Holy Eucharist 2004. Posted on the **USPG: Anglicans in World Mission** website. <http://www.uspg.org.uk>

The **Prayer of Confession** is written by Katherine Hawker, on Liturgy Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net>

The **Prayer of Dedication** is written by Rev. Karla Miller, and posted on **A Place for Prayer**. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca>

The **Pastoral Prayer** is written by Rev. Abi and posted on her Long and Winding Road blog. <http://vicarofwadley.blogspot.ca>

All hymns are from the *Glory to God Hymnal* and are licensed for use by CCLI.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-731290.