

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

10:00 AM



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service of Installation (and Reception), today at 3 PM.
- Mission Committee, Monday (4/4) at 7 PM.
- SBRM Blanket Group, Wednesday (4/6) at 10 AM.
- **Voices in Mission!—Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel, the Welcome Church, Wednesday (4/6) at 7 PM, in-person and livestreamed.**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(base on Psalm 126)*

ONE: We gather to worship with expectations: God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

MANY: God comes to us in real time. God comes to us in dreams.

ONE: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—difficult to believe.

MANY: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

ONE: God is present here. God is working in our midst.

MANY: Our mouths are filled with laughter, our tongues shout out with joy!

HYMN

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.**

**“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?**

**Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?**

**“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

**O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.**

**“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need your care. We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason for not meeting the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians. Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation, that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

**Glory to God,
Whose goodness shines o 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.**

**World without end,
Without end. Amen.**

**World without end,
Without end. Amen.**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 12:1-8

SERMON

The Family Table

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Woman in the Night

NEW DISCIPLES

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

Invitation Hymn:

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me. (on me)

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

**There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.**

**There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Don't ever feel discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll not refuse to lend.**

**There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

**If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say, "He died for all."**

**There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Rev. Penny L. Lowes, a minister in the United Church of Christ. These resources are part of a larger collection called [From Tears to Rejoicing: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday of Advent](#). They were posted on the Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ.

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted on the United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways* archive. <http://www.ucc.org>

The **Prayers of the People** incorporate prayers written by Ann Weems and published in her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*. KY: Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 1992, 50, and Jan L. Richardson, whose work is posted on The Painted Prayerbook. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>.

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