

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

10:00 AM

This Morning's Guest Musician:

Justin Hartz

We welcome concert organist Justin Hartz to our organ bench today! Mr. Hartz received his Bachelor of Music degree from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey and Master of Music from The Juilliard School. He is the recipient of numerous scholarships including an E. Power Biggs Fellow of The Organ Historical Society.

In 1989, Hartz began his association with Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. At Longwood he performs recitals and sing-alongs as one of the Holiday season organists on the historic 10,010 Pipe Aeolian Organ, the largest residence pipe organ in North America.

Mr. Hartz performed the dedication recital of the restored E.M. Skinner organ at Biltmore Estate, Asheville, North Carolina. He has recorded numerous CD's and videos.

Mr. Hartz's interests include historically-informed performances on the piano and its predecessors. He is also an advocate for the reed organ. To that end, he has been interviewed by NPR affiliate WVIA, Scranton, for a recital he performed on a large two manual and pedal Estey reed organ last fall.*

*With thanks to The Concert Artist Cooperative. www.concertartistcooperative.com/justin-hartz.

PRELUDE

Melody

Horatio Parker

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Session Meeting, Tuesday (7/19) at 7 PM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 52:8-9)

ONE: In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship God. As the people of God said long ago, in the house of the Lord, I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

MANY: In the presence of the faithful we will proclaim your name, for it is good. Amen!

HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through

The ages long!

In bold accord,

Come celebrate the journey now

And praise the Lord!

**Long years have come and gone,
And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision,
Dream the dream!**

**In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!**

**Let courage be our friend;
Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify
The Crucified!**

**In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
The ages long!**

**In bold accord,
Come celebrate the journey now
And praise the Lord!**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15

SERMON

Laughing All the Way

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

SIMPLE GIFTS

**'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.**

**When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come round right.**

Installation of Elder and Deacon

RESPONSIVE LITURGY

ONE: There are different gifts,

MANY: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

ONE: There are different ways of serving God,

MANY: But it is the same Lord who is served.

ONE: God works through different people in different ways,

MANY: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

ONE: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

MANY: To use for the common good.

ONE: Together we are the body of Christ,

MANY: And individually members of him.

ONE: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church useful in the world. Within our common ministry, some are chosen for particular work as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Ruling Elders, or Deacons. In this service, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if they want to be first among you, they must be the slave of all.

MANY: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

*An Elder comes forward with the candidates
for installation*

ELDER: Madam Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Kathie Pisciella to be installed for a second consecutive term of office as a Ruling Elder. I also bring Karla Williams to be installed for a three-year term of office as a Deacon.

The Moderator asks the questions required by the Constitution of the PC(USA).

MODERATOR: Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

MODERATOR: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

MODERATOR: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

MODERATOR: Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

MODERATOR: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

MODERATOR: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

MODERATOR: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do

MODERATOR: Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

MODERATOR: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

The Elder asks the questions of the congregation

ELDER: Do we, the members of the church, accept Kathie as a Ruling Elder, and Karla as a Deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

ELDER: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

The Prayer of Installation

Those previously ordained will stand, if able, along with the congregation, for the prayer of installation.

MODERATOR: Almighty God: in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do your special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as they shall live.

God of grace, give Kathie and Karla courage and discipline to follow where you rightly lead them, that together they may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love in the world: through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Declaration

MODERATOR: Kathie and Karla: you are again an elder and a deacon in the church and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Let us welcome these gracious servants into the service of the church!

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

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!**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival March

Arthur Foote

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is posted on David Beswick's Worship and Preaching website.
<http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/16C98OS.htm>

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