

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP*

*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

*August 28, 2022*

*10:00 AM*

This Morning's Guest Musician:

***Robin Muse***

We welcome Robin Muse to our organ bench today! Robin Muse is a retired music teacher. She has served in many churches throughout the Philadelphia area as both the music director and organist. Recently, she served as an interim organist at East Falls Presbyterian. In addition, she enjoys being a certified aromatherapist and certified health coach.

## **PRELUDE**

*By Streams of Everlasting Love*

Robert Powell

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homecoming Brunch, Sunday (9/18) following the Worship Service. Please sign-up in the Narthex (*or contact the church office [npchurch@comcast.net](mailto:npchurch@comcast.net)*)



# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*(inspired by Luke 14:1, 7-14 and Hebrews 13:1-6)*

ONE: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

**MANY: For there are angels among us.**

ONE: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

**MANY: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

ONE: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

**MANY: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

# HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*LAUDES DOMINI*

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:**

**May Jesus Christ be praised!**

# **A READING FROM THE PROPHETS:**

*Jeremiah 2:4-13*

# **A READING FROM THE GOSPELS:**

*Luke 14:1, 7-14 (Reader's Theater)*

# **SERMON**

*Solipsistic I Am*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# **HYMN**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

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**The Lord is God, the Lord alone!**

**Give honor, thanks, and praise**

**To God, the maker of all things**

**And giver of our days.**

**With all your heart, with all your soul,**

**With all your mind and might,**

**O people, love the Lord your God,**

**The source of truth and light.**



# **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Simple Gifts*

Joseph Brackett

## **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**

# RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF HOSPITALITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

ONE: Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you welcome us all to your banquet table. May we open our arms to embrace you, may we see you in the face of a stranger, may we welcome you in the love of a friend.

**MANY: We believe you welcome the abandoned, the misfit, the wretched to your feast. Forgive us for the times we have allowed our bias to overrule and rejected you because you are different, ostracized or despised.**

ONE: We believe that there is beauty hidden in each person, Forgive us for the times we have failed to see your face, because you are differently abled, poor, or homeless.

**MANY:** We believe we are all precious in your sight. Forgive us for when we have counted you unworthy of our love, for when we have been indifferent to your cries.

ONE: We believe we are called to share life together as members of one family. Forgive us for when we have been unconcerned for your suffering, and failed to see others in your worldwide community as you do.

**MANY:** We are all created in God's image, redeemed by Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit.

ONE: We are all invited to feast at God's banquet table. We are welcomed into God's eternal kingdom, with all the peoples of the earth. Together with them, we pray now for those we know to be ill; for their caregivers; for our nation and our world.

*(A time of lifting up our joys and concerns will follow here).*

ONE: Now may we boldly pray as did those disciples of long ago:

**MANY: 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

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of your tone.**

**As you have sought, so let me seek  
Your erring children, lost and lone.**

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
Until my very hearts o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as you will, and when, and where  
Until your blessed face I see,  
Your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

# RESPONSIVE BLESSING

ONE: Leave this place in peace, trusting in the God who goes before you and with you and who will never leave you:

**MANY: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

# POSTLUDE

*Recessional in C*

Douglas E. Wagner

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com>

The **Hospitality Prayer** is adapted from A Litany of Hospitality written by Christine Sine. Posted on Word Made Flesh. <http://www.wordmadeflesh.org/argentina/2009/06/a-litany-of-hospitality>

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