

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

All Saints Sunday

October 29, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Nyland"

Robert Lind

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christian Life Groups (Israel and Palestine), today following the worship service.
- “Trunk-or-Treat” with God’s Window Preschool, Monday (10/30) at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to: godswindow@comcast.net so the preschool can reserve a parking spot for you.
- Fall Adult Study, Tuesday (10/31) at 11 AM.
- Mission Committee, Wednesday (11/1) at 9:30 AM.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Revelation 7:12

ONE: We praise Creation's God:

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

ONE: Let each single voice praise God:

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

ONE: Let all voices together praise God:

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

ONE: Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

ONE: With all Creation we praise God:

MANY: Blessing and honor, glory and power!

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him Lord of all!

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
And crown him Lord of all!**

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,

And crown him Lord of all!

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And crown him Lord of all!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF REPENTANCE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

ONE: If we have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and have denied ourselves, or those close to us, that greater hope in the glory of things unseen, Lord have mercy.

MANY: Lord have mercy.

ONE: If we have chosen to nurse our grief for the loss of dear ones with the bitterness of those who weep without hope or faith in your saving love, Christ have mercy.

MANY: Christ have mercy.

ONE: If we put the saints on pious pedestals, and restrict ourselves to a diminished respect for our own capacity to grow in the knowledge and love of God, Lord have mercy.

MANY: Lord have mercy.

ONE: God of love, we thank you for your patience. You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us, and have given us the word that one day we shall be as Christ Jesus is; yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn and sluggish in our efforts. We repent our lack of faith and love, and ask that the love of Jesus Christ that so healed and uplifted the saints may mercifully deal with our sins and empower our renewed good intentions. Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

MANY: Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: My friends, the victory that overcomes the pessimism and recriminations of the world is faith. It is in the name of Christ that I declare to all repentant people: Your sins are forgiven you. Go in peace.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *GLORY TO GOD*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Strange Legacy

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

OFFERING SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God, Our Rock and Our Salvation



Sheldon Curry

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

...We thank you for all the saints remembered and forgotten, for those dear souls most precious to us. Today we give thanks for those who during the last twelve months have died and entered into glory:

Frieda L. Heinel September 19, 1930 – February 3, 2023

Ruth I. Zeisel July 19, 1931 – February 11, 2023

David R. Clapper March 11, 1940 – September 23, 2023

We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice for them “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.”...

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
And he must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Lauda Anima"

Robert Lind

WORSHIP NOTES:

- The **Call to Worship** is written by the Reverend Susan A. Blain and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways
- The **Prayer of Repentance** for All Saints Day and the Prayers of the People are written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocA/61SAINTS.htm>
- The **Prayer of Illumination** is adapted from a prayer written by Christine Jerrett, and posted on the Christine Jerrett blog. <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com>
- The **Litany for All Saints** was written by Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany>
- The **Charge and Benediction** is from Celebrating All Saints Day: Resources for Congregational Ministry and Worship, Rev. Richard J. Hull II, Contributing Author. Published online by Christian Church Foundation. <http://www.christianchurchfoundation.org/userfiles/files/allsaintsdayworshipresource2012.pdf>
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