

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

“Christ the King Sunday”

November 26, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

All Creatures of our God and King

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Session Retreat, Saturday (12/2) at 8:30 AM at Abington Presbyterian Church.
- Commitment Sunday & Hanging of the Greens, Next Sunday (12/3).

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 100)*

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

MANY: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

ONE: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

MANY: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

ONE: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

MANY: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the people, you have called us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call. Today, we come before you asking your Spirit to empower us to be agents of transformation for the world. Make us a chalice from which all the oppressed can find the living waters of God, who calls us to live a life of service, of humility, and of reconciliation with you, with creation, and with the world. Amen.

We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. When we find ourselves without words, unable to do what we know we must, the love of Christ gives us a voice and strong hands to do God's work. Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, we are forgiven.

MANY: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 95

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-11

SERMON

Street Sweepers and Brick Makers

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

HYMN

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.**

**Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine, and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet.**

**Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.**

**Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured,
Taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Mehr Austin Daniel

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Scan the QR Code to give online →)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Thanks to God



Hummel

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.**

PRAYER LITANY: MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME

ONE: Into places of conflict

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the terrorist

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the soldier

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the politician

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one bereaved by war

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one made hungry

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one made homeless

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one who is in despair

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one who is ill

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one who has been abused

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one who is addicted

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one who is faced with unpayable debt

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the lonely

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the fearful

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of the depressed

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of one we wish to pray for

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

ONE: Into the heart of our world

MANY: May Your Kingdom come.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.**

**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Praise to God Above

Kingsley

Guest Speaker - Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

We welcome the Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch to our pulpit this morning! Diane was born and raised in Newtown, PA, and lives in Maple Glen. She is currently serving as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, located in Flourtown, PA. A cradle Presbyterian, Diane attended Bucknell University and Princeton Seminary, and has done hospital chaplaincy and served churches in New York, Pennsylvania, and Northern Ireland over the past 30 years. She is passionate about creativity and inclusion in ministry and engaging others to share God's love. She is married to John, and they have 2 adult children. Diane enjoys reading, cooking, music, hiking, art, photography and traveling.

Liturgist - Dana Winslow

We thank Elder Dana Winslow for serving as our liturgist this morning. Dana is an active member of NPC and serves as the Chair of our Budget Committee as well as on the Personnel, Facilities and Worship Committees.

WORSHIP NOTES:

- The **Call to Worship** is written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C56sun27.htm>
- The **Prayer of Confession** is posted on Many Voices. <http://www.manyvoices.org/blog/resource/prayer-of-confession>
- The **Prayer Litany** is adapted from <http://wellsprings.org.uk/> and posted on Third Space blog. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>
- The **Charge and Benediction** are written by Rev. Daniel B. Randall and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways>
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