

# COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Second Sunday in Lent*

*March 5, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

# PRELUDE

*Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

Lani Smith

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today's Christian Life Groups Lent Study: *Meeting Jesus at the Table, Chapter 2 (pg. 29)*.
- "Bible Study for Everyone," Tuesday (3/7) at 10:30 AM.
- Men's Breakfast at Robin Hood, Wednesday (3/8) at 8:30 AM.
- In-Reach/Outreach Committee (3/8) at 10 AM.

# CALL TO WORSHIP: HYMN

*The Bread and the Wine Are Here*

LOVE FEAST

*(The choir will sing through once and the congregation will join to repeat)*

*The bread and the wine are here; (The feast is here.)*

*Come now, all who hunger and thirst.*

*Come needy; come now without fear.*

*Drink joy, as the last become first! (The last are first!)*

*Come in; sit down; there's room at the table;*

*Enjoy the feast love has spread for you.*

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# RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: On this day, when we share bread and wine, we can expect to be more keenly able to notice the table of God's provision through all the days of our lives. It is the table of life itself.

**MANY: We can expect to recognize Jesus Christ in all our meals and fellowship, even when the table is set for one or on a screen.**

ONE: And we remember that our lives, like his, are for the sake of the salvation of a suffering world.

**MANY: Lord Jesus Christ, in deep gratitude for this day and for the provision of your table, we give ourselves to you. We confess we so often labor for what does not satisfy. We drink from broken cisterns. Ask much of us this Lenten journey, enable much by us, encourage many through us. We journey with you to find the food that strengthens us. Amen.**

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

# **RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ONE: We are assured that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: 'Your sins are forgiven.'

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

# **HYMN**

*Glory Be to the Father*

*GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, amen.**



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

**SERMON**

*The Art of Following*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# HYMN

*For Everyone Born*

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**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star overhead,**

**And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table,  
Revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair,  
And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

**For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong,  
And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
For just and unjust, a new way to live,**

**And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

**For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free,**

**And God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight when we are creators  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

# **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

*(Scan the QR Code to give online →)*

# **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Communion Song*



*Price and Besig*



# **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution*

*Sharing of Bread and Wine*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (sung)*

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*There Is a Green Hill Far Away*

Charles Gounod

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Prayer of Confession** and the **Invitation to the Table** are adapted from a service written by Natasha Vedder and published in *Reformed Worship: Resources for Planning and Leading Worship*, December 2022. Number 146, 6.

The **Prayer for Illumination** is written by Amy Loving and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas. <http://worshipcloset.com/baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-year-b-words-for-worship>

The **Prayer of Thanksgiving** is written by lutheranjulia, and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org/2016/03/18/friday-prayer-something-is-coming>

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