

COMMUNION SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
"Souper Bowl" Sunday*

*February 5, 2023
10:00 AM*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “Bible Study for Everyone,” Tuesday (2/7) at 10:30 AM.
- Men’s Breakfast at Robin Hood, Wednesday (2/8) at 8:30 AM.

CALL TO WORSHIP: HYMN *(Choir)*

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly;

Holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering.

Here in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

All around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

*All who hunger, never strangers,
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
Live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

OPENING PRAYER

**VIDEO PRESENTATION:
“SOUPER BOWL”**



RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Jesus calls us to love one another, to love everyone, no matter how dangerous that seems.

MANY: We listen to the voice of reason, telling us that laws and rules will keep us safe, and that safety is the most important goal.

ONE: Jesus calls us to pour out our lives, to give everything we have for the healing of the world.

MANY: We listen to the voice of reason, telling us that money is the measure of success, and that winning at all costs is always the goal.

ONE: Jesus calls us to follow him beyond the voice of reason, into a world of foolish hope.

MANY: Holy One, forgive us when the delusions of the world call us away from the reality of the cross.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: The foolish One, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem and stretched out his arms on a cross in Jerusalem, forgives us and loves us, no matter how crazy that seems.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

SERMON

What Could Be Inside

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

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.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord of the Small



Dan Forrest

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table and the 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 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

God, You Give Us Recreation

IN BABILONE

(set to the tune of "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy")

**God, you give us recreation,
Rest and play when work is through,
Game and sport and celebration,
Times that challenge and renew.
In the days we spend together,
In the feasts that we prepare,
In the times of joy and laughter,
May we know your loving care.**

**Yet, O Lord, we see you crying
For the ones who know no rest,
For your children, hungry, dying,
For the homeless and oppressed.
May we, as your sons and daughters,
Share with open heart and hand,
Till your justice flows like waters
To the poor throughout the land.**

**Bless, O Christ, our gifts of caring,
For we know without a doubt:
Soup and bread are made for sharing,
Hands are made for reaching out.
Even in our times of playing,
May we keep the vision clear:
Keep us serving, loving, praying,
Welcoming your kingdom here.**

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: Lord, let us hunger enough that we not forget the world's hunger.

MANY: Lord, let us hunger enough that we may have bread to share.

ONE: Lord, let us hunger enough that we may long for the Bread of Heaven.

MANY: Lord, let us hunger enough that we may be filled.

ONE: But, O Lord,

MANY: Let us not hunger so much that we seek after that which is not bread, nor try to live by bread alone. Amen.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted on the Seekers Church website.

<http://www.seekerschurch.org/worship/liturgies/331-epiphany-2011-foolish-hope>

The **Invitation to the Table** was written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the website of the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre. <http://www.stillpointsa.org.au>

The **Prayer of Thanksgiving** is posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings.

<http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca>

The **Benediction** is from Banquet of Praise: A Book of Worship Resources, published by Bread for the World. <http://www.bread.org>

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CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Questions for Discussion:

1. How do you identify the spirit of the world? The Spirit of God? How does each affect you daily?
2. What do you pay attention to day in and day out? What do you ignore? Are there people and issues, places and things, God may be calling you to notice, shine a light on in Christ's name?
3. How do you discern if you are worshipping rightly and in ways that please God?
4. What does Christ crucified mean to you?