

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

“Simple Gifts Worship”

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Lift Thine Eyes

Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Preschool Board Meeting, Monday (8/21) at 7 PM.
- Women's Breakfast, Wednesday (8/23) at 9 AM at Manny's.
- Sunday, September 3rd: Perkasio Park.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: With open arms you welcome all who call on your name—who acknowledge You as Lord, and look to You in faith.

MANY: No one stands outside the circle of your mercy and love.

ONE: And so we come to offer you our worship—to declare that you are our God, and that we are your people, called and chosen by you from the very beginning.

MANY: Through the presence of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see You here; open our minds to receive Your truth, and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise.

ONE: For You alone are God—worthy of all praise and worship, now and to the end of time. **Amen.**

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!
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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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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 133

ONE: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

MANY: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

ONE: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

MANY: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

Strange Encounter

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy,

Like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,

Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows

Are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth's failings

Have such kindly judgment given.

**For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's Word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.**

OFFERING SENTENCE

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MUSICAL OFFERING

(Steve Cocchia, Pam Kemper, Jes Stehr & Trish Conover)

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional

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 AND 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

**In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.**

Join hands, disciples of the faith,

Whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God

Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;

In him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him

Throughout the whole wide earth.

BLESSING

Stubborn Blessing

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP NOTES:

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