

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Ascension Sunday*

*Mother's Day*

*May 12, 2024*

*10:00 AM*

# **PRELUDE**

*Ave Maris Stella*

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# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Facilities Committee (ZOOM), Monday (5/13) at 7 PM.
- Bible Study for Everyone, Tuesday (5/14) at 11 AM.
- Session Meeting, Tuesday (5/14) at 7 PM.
- Esther Circle, Wednesday (5/15) at 9:30 AM.

# **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(adapted from Psalm 47)*

ONE: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**MANY: For God has ascended with shouts of triumph, and trumpet fanfare!**

ONE: Our God is exalted on high, sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives.

**MANY: Let us worship together!**

# **HYMN**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*DIX*

**For the beauty of the earth,**

**For the glory of the skies,**

**For the love which from our birth**

**Over and around us lies:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise**

**This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon, and stars of light:**

**Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine  
To the world so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine,  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.**



## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

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

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ONE:** We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it. Your very being is good. You are blessed, and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it. Go and share the Good News, knowing you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you.

**MANY:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! 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.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FROM THE PSALTER**

*Psalm 47 (Sung)*

**GOSPEL READING**

*Luke 24:44-53*

**SERMON**

*The Power of Waiting*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# HYMN

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

*NORWICH*

*Soprano and alto voices:*

*Mothering God, you gave me birth*

*In the bright morning of this world.*

*Creator, source of every breath,*

*You are my rain, my wind, my sun.*

*Tenor and bass voices:*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
Offering me your food of light,  
Grain of life, and grape of love,  
Your very body for my peace.*

*ALL voices:*

**Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
In arms of patience hold me close,  
So that in faith I root and grow  
Until I flower, until I know.**

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## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Don't Look Back*

Martin



# **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.**

**VISUAL LITURGY:** *Mother's Day Movement*

# **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **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 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**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

*DUKE STREET*

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
The prisoners leap to loose their chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sortie Festivo*

Boslet



## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Prayer of Confession** is from *It's a Good Thing He Left: John 16*, posted on the **Calvin Institute of Christian Worship** website. <http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/it-s-a-good-thing-he-left-john-16>

The **Assurance of Pardon** is written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org>

The **Visual Liturgy** comes to us from *The Work of The People* and features Rev. Ron Lewis, pastor, artist, father, son, husband and self-described Kingdom strategist living in Alabama. Ron is the Senior Pastor of Spring Road Christian Church where he teaches regularly on Sunday mornings as well as Monday evenings at "Feast", a college ministry to Point University, Ron's alma mater. [www.theworkofthepeople.com](http://www.theworkofthepeople.com).

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by rev karla and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org>

The **Blessing** is from *Jesus Enthroned on High*, posted on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website. <http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/jesus-enthroned-on-high-weekday-worship>

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