

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

SIMPLE GIFTS WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 31, 2022

10:00 AM

This Morning's Guest Musician:

Josie Schast

We welcome Josephine "Josie" Schast to our organ bench this morning! Josie holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Temple University and a Master's in Music from Arcadia University. She is a 26-year veteran of the Philadelphia School System, having taught music education in grades K-8. She has also served as Music Director and Cantor at Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia and at Seven Dolours Roman Catholic Church in Wyndmoor. Presently one of five organists employed at Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church in Abington, Josie has also served as pianist at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and substitute organist at East Falls Presbyterian Church. We are grateful that Josie will be with us today and again in September!

PRELUDE

Praise to God the Father

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mission Committee, Monday (8/1) at 7 PM.
- Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission Blanket Group, Wednesday (8/3) at 10 AM.
- “Java with Judy.” *Join us for a time of open discussion to ask your questions of Pastor Judy. Java, tea and snacks will, of course, be available. Sunday (8/7) at 11:30 AM.*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(inspired by Psalm 107:1, 8)

ONE: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

MANY: For his steadfast love endures forever.

ONE: Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

MANY: For his wonderful works to humankind.

HYMN

Know That God Is Good

MUNGU NI MWEMA

Know that God is good.

Know that God is good.

Know that God is good;

God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah,

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

SERMON

Absurdly Yours

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(Steve Cocchia)*

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

DOXOLOGY

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 OF DEDICATION

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, forever. Amen.

HYMN

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.**

This is my Father's world.

O, let me ne'er forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world.

The battle is not done:

Jesus who died shall be satisfied,

And earth and heaven be one.

RESPONSIVE BLESSING

(by Brennan Manning)

ONE: May all of your expectations be frustrated,

MANY: May all of your plans be thwarted,

ONE: May all of your desires be withered into nothingness,

MANY: That you may experience the powerlessness and poverty of a child,

ONE: And can sing and dance in the love of God,

MANY: Who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Ye Are the Light of the World

Edward Broughton

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is posted on David Beswick's Home Page. <http://www.beswick.info/index.htm>

The **Prayers of the People** are adapted from a prayer written by Thomas, and posted on Everyday Liturgy. <http://everydayliturgy.com>

The **Blessing** was given to author and laicized priest Brennan Manning by his spiritual director, Larry Hine, on the day of his ordination and is posted on sowhatfaith.com/2014/04/24/a-challenging-blessing.

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