

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Reception of New Member*

*September 24, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

# PRELUDE

*Adagio*

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Women's Breakfast, Wednesday (9/27) at 9 AM at Manny's.
- World Communion Sunday (10/1)
- PC(USA) Special Offering (10/1)
- Sharing Session by Mehr Austin Daniel (10/1 following worship), a former professor of English in her native country Pakistan. Join us for Pakistani treats during coffee hour followed by Mehr's compelling story.
- "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday (10/8)

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

**MANY: “Follow me.”**

ONE: A simple call. A hard call.

**MANY: Because following requires leaving.**

ONE: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

**MANY: And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

ONE: It’s hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

**MANY: But we have come this far, to this place, where we can listen and be transformed.**

# **HYMN**

*Morning Has Broken*

*BUNESSAN*

**Morning has broken like the first morning;**

**Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation; praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors; open our hearts to others, some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. Amen.**

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

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

# 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**

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Matthew 4:18-22*

## **SERMON**

*Leaving Our Nets*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer



# **HYMN**

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*      *PESCADOR DES HOMBRES*

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
You only asked me to follow humbly.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You know so well my possessions;**

**My boat carries no gold and no weapons;**

**You will find there my nets and labor.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,**

**And while smiling have spoken my name;**

**Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.**

**By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You need my hands, full of caring,  
Through my labors to give others rest,  
And constant love that keeps on loving.**

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You, who have fished other oceans,  
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
My loving friend, as thus you call me:  
  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And while smiling have spoken my name;  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

# RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

ELDER: On behalf of the session, I present **Diana Reingruber**, who was received by the Session into membership of this congregation on September 19 by reaffirmation of faith.

REV. DWYER: Hear these words from Holy Scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. You come to us as members of the one holy universal church, into which were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.

Please show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior? ***Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? Will you? ***I will.***

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you? ***I will.***

Let us pray: Gracious God, Lord of the church, we ask that your blessings be poured out upon Diana through her association with this church. Enable her to grow in faith here as a follower of Jesus Christ. Use her particular gifts in your service. With joy, we make this our prayer. Amen.

ELDER: I invite all who are able to stand with us as we say together what we believe using the Apostles' Creed:

**MANY: 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.**

REV. DWYER: Welcome to the worship and ministry of this congregation!

## **OFFERING SENTENCE**

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## **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*



*GREEN TYLER*



**God, be the love to search and keep me;**

**God, be the prayer to move my voice;**

**God, be the strength to now uphold me:**

**O Christ, surround me;**

**O Christ, surround me.**

**Bind to myself the Name of Holy,  
Great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
Prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,  
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
Depth of the sea to soil of planet:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey,  
Going ahead to light my way,  
And from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,  
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ, surround me;  
O Christ, surround me.**

# **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

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN*

**Lord, I want to be a Christian**

**In my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**



**Lord, I want to be more loving**

**In my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more holy**

**In my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus**

**In my heart, in my heart;**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

**In my heart, in my heart,**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

# **BLESSING**

*Blessing the Nets*

# **POSTLUDE**

*Te Deum*

Charpentier



## **Brief Bio of Diana Reingruber:**

I am the youngest of six children and was raised in the Catholic tradition. I live two streets away from the church with my life partner, Rob; deliver bread to grocery stores overnight, and am a health and wellness consultant during the day.

Earlier this year I realized in order to continue to grow in faith I needed a community. After listening to Bruce Gore, Instructor in Christian Education and Formation at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, for most 2019 I was pretty sure Presbyterian was a good fit.

While actively looking for a church I stumbled upon Northampton Presbyterian in my own back yard! I did a little bit of researching and checked it out. In June I finally decided to start showing up. What I found inside was a very caring and loving community. A community I wanted to be a part of. A community I needed and was asking for. The community that Jesus led me to was here at Northampton Presbyterian.

## WORSHIP NOTES:

- The **Call to Worship** is written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith.  
<https://spaciousfaith.com>
- The **Prayer of Confession** is written by the Rev. Madison Shockley, in *Reluctant Evangelists: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Epiphany*. Rev. Shockley is pastor of Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad, CA. Posted on [http://www.ucc.org/worship\\_worship-ways](http://www.ucc.org/worship_worship-ways)
- The **Pastoral Prayer** is written by Richard Einerson, and posted on Richard Einerson: Prayers of the People website.
- The **Blessing** is written by Jan Richardson and posted on her blog, [www.janrichardson.com](http://www.janrichardson.com).
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