

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- “The Welcome Church” Snack Bag Project, Friday (5/20) at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

~ *Inspired by Matthew 11:29 & Revelation 21:5*

ONE: Come all who are weary of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

MANY: Come all who are heavy-laden with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.

ONE: Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom.

MANY: Hear these words, "See, I am making all things new."

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness.

MANY: Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are visions of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.

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.**

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1–6

SERMON

All Things New

Rev. Kang Na

HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

**Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river;
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING (Choir)

Come, People of the Risen King

ARR. MCDONALD

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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes;
Our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

**When we are called to part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** is from *I Am Making All Things New*, written by Rosie Venner. Posted on the WSCF Europe website. <http://wscf-europe.org/mozaik-issues/mozaik-25-the-powers-that-be/worship-i-am-making-all-things-new>

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Pastor Judy will be attending the Next Church Conference in Montreat, North Carolina during the week of May 15th—21st.

This morning we welcome the **Rev. Kang Na** to our pulpit.

Rev. Na is the Pastoral Ministries Manager at Ann's Choice in Warminster. Before working in Pastoral Ministries at Ann's Choice, Kang was a professor for 21 years at Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA), where he taught courses on the Bible, biblical interpretation, theology, and philosophy. His area of specialty is the New Testament (Paul's letters in particular) and hermeneutics (the science of interpretation). The son of first-generation Christians, he was baptized in South Korea, moved to Tennessee just before turning ten, and since then has lived, studied, taught, and served churches in various places in New Jersey, Korea, Atlanta, Germany, and New York City. He earned an AB and MDiv at Princeton Theological Seminary, and a PhD at Emory University, with further studies at Göttingen University in Germany. Kang enjoys music (violin, guitar, piano, singing), food (cooking and eating), exercising, computers and tech gadgets, traveling, fixing things, and riding his Harley. The most significant among his many passions are his wife, Amy, pastor of Ivyland Presbyterian Church, and their three children, Christian (25), Laura (23) and Sofia (22).