

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Be Thou My Vision

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CLG Today - After Worship
- Session Meeting, Tuesday (10/15), 7 pm (Zoom)
- Bible Study for Everyone, Wednesday (10/16), 1 pm
- Project Regeneration Team Meeting, Wednesday (10/16), 7 pm
(Zoom)
- Trunk or Treat, Thursday (10/17), 5:30 - 6:30 (GW event)
- Anniversary Worship, Sunday (10/20), 10 am
- Presbybop 60th Anniversary Concert & Reception, Sunday
(10/20), 4 pm

RESPONSIVE Call to WORSHIP

ONE: God is with his people.
He dwells in their midst.
Listen and hear him speak.

**MANY: Our hearts long for his word.
We wait upon the Lord
so that we may renew our strength.**

ONE: God is our help and our support.
His spirit moves among us
to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days

MANY: **With joyful hearts we sing God's praise.
With rejoicing we call upon Him.
The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

ONE: Let us worship God!

HYMN #307:

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people
Pour thy power: crown thine ancient church's story; bring its
Bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour:

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ,
Assail his ways! from the fears that long have bound us free our
Hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

**Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to
Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in
Things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils
We deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our
Glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.

We pause for a moment of silent personal confession.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God forgives us, we have everything we need; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

MANY: **Committing everything to God, trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.**

HYMN #582:

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.**

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 4:12-16

READER'S THEATER

MARK 10:17-22, 12:38-44, 2 CORNTHIANS 9:6-15

Readers' Theater: Mark 10:17-22, 12:38-44, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

One: As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

Two: Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

**Three: Why do you call me good?
No one is good—except God alone.
You know the commandments:
'You shall not murder,
you shall not commit adultery,
you shall not steal,
you shall not give false testimony,
you shall not defraud,
honor your father and mother.'"**

Two: Teacher, all these I have kept since I was a boy.

One: Jesus looked at him and loved him.

Three: One thing you lack.

**Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me.**

One: At this the man's face fell.

He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

**Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple
and watched as the crowds dropped in their money.**

Many rich people put in large amounts.

Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said,

Three: I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.

Two: Remember this:
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

One: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Three: And God is able to bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.**

**Two: Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will also supply and increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.
You will be enriched in every way
so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and through us your generosity will result
in thanksgiving to God.**

SERMON

STRANGE GIFT

Rev. Judith A Dwyer

HYMN #459:

Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shine on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Savior, received the gift divine
And still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quick sands still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations your true light, as of old;
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.**

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

DOXOLOGY (#606) 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.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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MANY: 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 #722: Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak
CANONBURY

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living
Echoes of your tone .As you have sought, so
Let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.**

**O lead me Lord, that I may lead the wandering
And the wavering feet. O feed me, Lord, that I
I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**O teach me Lord, that I may teach the precious
Truths which you impart. And wings my words that
They may reach the hidden depths of many a heart**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my
Very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and
Glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**O use me Lord, use even me, just as you
Will, and when, and where until your blessed
Face I see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover, Music Director

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Richard Blake

WORSHIP NOTES

The **Call to Worship** is posted on the Kir-shalom website. <http://www.spirit-net.ca/sermons/b-or02sm.php>

The **Prayer of Confession** and **Assurance of Pardon** are written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

The **Prayer for Illumination** is written by Anne Osdieck and posted on The Center for Liturgy Sunday Web Site of Saint Louis University. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

[The Prayers of the People are](http://www.ministrymatters.com/) from the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

The **Blessing** is by Steve Garnaas-Holmes and posted on his blog, *Unfolding Light*, at www.unfoldinglight.net

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