



Worship Service

NORTHAMPTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2020 AT 10:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Let us worship our God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN:

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Generous God, you created the world out of your abundant love; in the fullness of time you sent your Son into the world that we might have life and have life abundantly: have mercy when we live as though we will never have enough. Unclench our hands that hoard what we were made to share, unclog our ears to hear the agony of all who cry for justice, unbind our hearts and open our minds to the plight of the oppressed, release our tongues to proclaim Jubilee in our own time and place. Make our love tangible, our compassion active, and our trust in your promises more than enough to go on until your kingdom comes; though Jesus Christ our Lord we pray (Take time for silent confession). AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC BY:

Aimee O'Neill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING:

From the Hebrew Scriptures – Micah 6:6-8

From the Greek Scriptures – Mark 6:1-6a

SERMON:

No Honor: No Deeds of Power

Dr. Mann

CLOSING HYMN:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,

All our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness,

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our Refuge—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer;

In His arms He'll take and shield thee,

Thou wilt find a solace there.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION