WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Worship Service
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025
10:00 AM

PRELUDE Trish Conover

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Diana Reingruber

• Welcome back to Pastor Ted Ewing!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 95:6-7)

ONE: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

MANY: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Hymn #839: Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation, purchase of God Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 79:8-13)

ONE: Do not remember the iniquities of our forefathers against us; let Your compassion come quickly to meet us, for we are brought very low.

MANY: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.

ONE: Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let there be known among the nations in our sight, vengeance for the blood of Your servants which has been shed.

MANY: Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; according to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are doomed to die.

ONE: And return to our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom the reproach with which they have reproached You, O Lord.

MANY: So we Your people and the sheep of Your pasture will give thanks to You forever;

To all generations we will tell of Your praise.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 130:3-4)

ONE: If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

MANY: But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

Hymn #582: Glory to God

- 1) 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! 2) World without end, without end, Amen! (x3)
- As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: Psalm 90

(page 929 in the pew Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: 2Corinthians 4:16-18

(Page 1798 in the pew Bible)

SERMON Rev. Dr. Ted Ewing

A Perspective On Aging (2Cor 4:16-18)

Hymn #443 There Is A Redeemer

1 There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Holy one.

Thank you oh my father
For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit
'Til the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah
Hope for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my father
For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit
'Til the work on earth is done.

I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place.

Thank you oh my father
For giving us your son
And leaving your spirit
'Til the work on earth is done.

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DOXOLOGY (#606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS 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 #450: Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover

WORSHIP NOTES:

Rev. Dr. Ted Ewing grew up in Philadelphia and majored in Ancient History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He has served the church in various denominations as a youth pastor, senior pastor, and chaplain. He was a youth pastor at the PCA Trinity Church in Johnstown, PA and interim pastor at the PCUSA Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for three years. He holds a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity from the International School of Theology, and a Ph.D. in Christian Education from Andrews University. He has been a university professor in California, Washington, and Indiana, and a pastor in southern California, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Jeanne, have three children and two grandchildren and live in Ivyland. Most recently he was the Director of Pastoral Care at The Community at Rockhill in Sellersville and remains active speaking at conferences and churches.

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