

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. C. Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Kemper

- Welcome to Rev. Dr. Ted Ewing!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33:22; 42:11)

ONE: Let your loving kindness, O LORD, be upon us, according as we have hoped in You.

MANY: Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Praise Him! Praise Him!

1 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth— His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
in His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

2 Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation—
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified!
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows!
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. [Refrain]

3 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong! [Refrain]

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51:1-4, 10)

MANY: According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

ONE: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

MANY: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

ONE: Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,

MANY: So that You are justified when You speak and blameless when You judge.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

ONE: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD;” and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

MANY: Amen.

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins
And won the victory.

Chorus

O victory in Jesus,

My Savior, forever.

He sought me and bought me

With His redeeming blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him

And all my love is due Him,

He plunged me to victory,

Beneath the cleansing flood.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 130

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 8:18-25

SERMON: “Hope and Waiting” Rev. Dr. Ted Ewing

Hymn #353: The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

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OFFERATORY ANTHEM:

To All His Love is Given

M. Lunn Lantz and D. Lantz III

DOXOLOGY (#606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #837: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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WORSHIP NOTES:

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.

WORSHIP NOTES (cont'd):

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