

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025
10:00 AM

WELCOME

Pastor Courtenay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy Chen

- Wednesday, 7:00, Session meeting via Zoom

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We invite our fauna family to worship with us,

All: All our kin living on this planet, from the busiest bee to the tallest giraffe.

One: We remember our ancient relatives who became extinct,

All: Dinosaurs, dodos and Tasmanian tigers, giant marsupials and the woolly mammoths.

One: We join our brothers and sisters in praising God,

**All: Gliding eagles and watchful meerkats, gorillas in the mist
and polar bears in the snow.**

One: We summon the kin we have come to love,

**All: The stray cat and the backyard dog, the koala, the pony,
and the little lamb.**

One: All our fauna family in the wild,

All: Raise your voices to the skies in a family festival of praise.

One: Sing, family, sing!.

All: Fauna song of praise!

*We name, silently or aloud, other living creatures and invite them to join us in
praising our Creator.*

One: We celebrate with our fauna family.

All: Sing, family, sing!

Hymn #630: Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

A Remembering

As we focus on the remembrance candle at the baptismal font, we hold in our memories birds and animals with whom we have felt a close kinship, creatures that are endangered, and species that have become extinct.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God,
We confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle,
our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,
destroying other humans, creatures, and ourselves along the way.**

**Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you.
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness
and settle your truth in our hearts.**

(We pause for a moment of silence and personal confession)

AUSSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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Old Testament: Job 39:1-8, 26-30
(page 837, 838 in the pew Bible)

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Psalm: Psalm 104:14-23
(page 941 in the pew Bible)

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Letters: 1 Corinthians 1:10-23
(page 1772 in the pew Bible)

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Gospel: Luke 12:22-31
(page 1618 in the pew Bible)

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SERMON

“Second Sunday in Creation: Fauna”

Rev. Courtenay Willcox



Hymn #14: For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

Women: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things.

Men: We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin.

Women: We believe that God became flesh and blood, came to Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all humans and for all creation.

Men: We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation, reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.

Women: We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

All: Together we believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Scan the QR code to give online.



Anthem: In Remembrance by R. Courtney and B. Red

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

All: With all creation, we bless our Creator.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

All *We lift them to the Lord.*

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Hymn #37: Let All Things Now Living

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. By law God enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

BENEDICTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung in unison*)

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.

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Penny Rodriguez)

WORSHIP NOTES:

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