

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Northampton Presbyterian Church*

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**      I Love to Tell the Story      L. A. Warriner

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      Andy Chen

- The choir will rehearse on Wednesday of this week (7pm)

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord be with you!

**Many: And also with you!**

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**Many: We will give God thanks, for God has answered us; The Lord has become our salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Many: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

# Hymn #263: Rejoice the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!



4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord and judge shall come  
And take His servants up  
To their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!



# UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and hatred still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.**

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

# **RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption,  
you stand among us in the shadows of our time.

**As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life,  
uphold us with knowledge of the final morning  
when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son,  
we will share in his resurrection,  
redeemed and restored to the fullness of life  
and forever freed to be your people. Amen**

# **Hymn #582: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

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 READING:** Psalm 118:14-29

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Revelation 1:4-8

**SERMON:** “Saved and Not Wasted”      Andrew Chen

# Hymn #69: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.



2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peoples pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]



3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

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## OFFERATORY ANTHEM:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

H. Hopson

**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 #722: Lord, Speak to Me That I May

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of your tone;  
As you have so't, so let me seek  
Your erring children, lost and lone.

2. Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

3. Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things that you impart,  
And wing my words, that I may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

4. Oh, grant my spirit to renew,  
That I may speak with soothing pow'r  
A word in season, as from you,  
To weary ones in needful hour

5. Oh, 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.

6. Oh, 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.



# BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** Victory Through Christ

L. Smith

# WORSHIP NOTES:

We thank NPC member **Andy Chen** for serving as our worship leader this morning and delivering the message.

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