

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

10:00 AM

Contemplative Music

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

G. Clarke

- Welcome back to Rev. Pauline Sexton!
- Today: 11:15 am – Mission Team Meeting

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Let the people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

MANY: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you, O God, judge the people with equity, and guide the nations of the earth.

ONE: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

MANY: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. Let all the earth worship God's holy name!

Hymn #610: O For a Thousand Tongues

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
That bids our sorrow cease
Sings music in the sinner's ears
Brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful, waken to rejoice
The poor in heart believe

My gracious Master and my God

Assist me to proclaim

To spread through all the earth abroad

The honors of Thy name.

To God all glory, praise and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above
The Church in earth and heaven

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, the wideness of your mercy extends beyond all we could ever imagine. In kindness you have drawn us to yourself, claiming us who were far from you as your own beloved people. Yet we refuse mercy to those who offend us, to those who differ from us, to those we deem unlovely or unworthy.

Forgive our rush to judgement, and the petty grudges we carry and hoard. By your Spirit tenderize our hearts, so that we would show mercy to others, even as we have received mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For the Grace of God has appeared, bring salvation to all...
Glory to our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself up that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. (Titus 2: 11 – 14)

Amen.

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7: 9- 12 (page 1921 in Pew Bible)

SECOND READING: Acts 11: 1 – 18 (page 1711 in Pew Bible)

SERMON: “ A New Community”

Rev. Pauline Sexton

Hymn #265: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERATORY ANTHEM:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. 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 #526: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Enter His Courts with Praise

A. Mason

WORSHIP NOTES:

Rev. Pauline J. Sexton is honorably retired from the Presbytery of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Eastern University, with a BA in Organizational Development and M.Div from Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to retirement Pauline served several churches as Transitional Pastor in the Philadelphia Presbytery and as the Chaplain, Director of Spiritual Care at Doylestown Hospital. She recently retired after 25 years of Pastoral Ministry from Doylestown Presbyterian Church where she supported the Senior Adult Ministry and the Deacons. Pauline enjoys leading retreats and Bible Studies using artist interpretations of the texts. Pauline has three grown children, and two grandchildren. Reading mysteries, poetry, gardening, traveling, and watching and discussing movies are a few of her passions. She lives in Chalfont.

WORSHIP NOTES (cont'd):

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