

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Trish Conover

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Kemper

- Welcome back to Rev. Courtenay Willcox!
- TODAY – immediately following the service - brief Congregational Meeting to elect elders
- TODAY – Mission Team meeting, following the congregational meeting
- June 29 – our first “Psalm Sunday” service! Please join us for a service of Psalms – spoken and sung.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you,
O God.

All: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within
me?

**All: Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our
God.**

Hymn #307: God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you . . .

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

All: We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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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God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalms 43

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NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Luke 8:26-39

Rev. Courtenay Willcox

SERMON

“The Other Side of the Lake”

Rev. Courtenay Willcox

Hymn #676: Day is Done

Day is done, but love unfailing

Dwells ever here.

Shadows fall, but hope prevailing,
calms every fear.

God our Maker, none for saking

Take our hearts of loves own making,

Watch our sleeping guard our making

Be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight:
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,
Watch by our side.
Death may come, in love's safekeeping
Still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide

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Special Music:

Trish Conover

DOXOLOGY (#606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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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 #317: In Christ There is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Hymn #317: In Christ There is No East or West

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover

WORSHIP NOTES:

Rev. Courtenay Willcox lives out her life's priorities of faith, family, and public theology in her activities and involvements. She just concluded a 2 ½ year Transitional Pastorate at the Tree of Life church in Springfield, Delaware County. She recently became a grandmother for the third time (three granddaughters) and, late to the Minister of Word and Sacrament responsibilities, she was ordained in 2023 at her home church, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian. She currently moderates Presbyterians for Earth Care.

WORSHIP NOTES CONT:

A lifelong swimmer, she also enjoys cycling alone and with family. Spending time in the Outer Banks with husband Tom, three adult children, a son-in-law, granddaughters, and Gracie, our schnoodle, is a cherished gift. There is nothing like a sunrise walk on the beach!

WORSHIP NOTES CONT:

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