

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Kemper

- Welcome to Rev. Courtenay Willcox!
- Thurs June 19 – Session Meeting via Zoom
- June 22 – immediately following the service - brief
- Congregational Meeting to elect elders

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

All: When we stand in awe of our Creator, marveling at the heavens, the moon and the stars, we ask, “What are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?”

One: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

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]

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to spread the good news, to live the gospel, to teach Jesus' way to future generations. But we skirt our responsibilities and fail to act on your Great Commission. Forgive our silence. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our lack of fire. Help us be bold in faith, loving the world as Christ loves and embodying our Savior's church. Amen.

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

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news!

All: 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, whom we know through the scriptures and creation, speak to us in this hour. Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways that we may know what is good and do what is right, through Jesus Christ your Word. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 8 (page 848 in Pew Bible)

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NEW TESTAMENT READING:

John 16:12-15 (page 1678 in Pew Bible)

Rev. Courtenay Willcox

SERMON

“Unlikely Partnerships”

Rev. Courtenay Willcox

Hymn #625: O Lord My God

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

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

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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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 #24: God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we, your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings row on row;
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,
where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city's ebb and flow,
lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging
through uncharted realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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