

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2025
10:00 AM

WELCOME

Pastor Courtenay

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andy Chen

- A warm welcome to Pastor Courtenay!
- Wednesday – 8:30 am – Men's Breakfast, Robinhood
- Thursday – 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal – new folks welcome!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We invite the oceans to worship with us.

All: The deep sea currents and coral reefs, the mountain peaks on the ocean floor.

One: We call the surging seas to celebrate with us.

All: The icebergs that break off from the South Pole, the calm waters that caress the equator.

One: We join all ocean life in songs of praise,

**All: Whales and dolphins dancing on the surface, and
choirs of angel fish assembled below.**

One: We summon the seashore to magnify the Lord,

**All: The pelican, the stingray, the silver gull, the white caps
and waves that splash in praise.**

One: Oceans, seas and watery deeps,

**All: Celebrate with all that lives within you, and
roar in praise with us today.**

One: Roar, ocean, roar!

All: Roar, roar in praise

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

One: We celebrate the song of the ocean!

All: Roar, ocean, roar!

Hymn #15: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.

Sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Sing praises! Alleluia!

A Remembering

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, creator of the oceans and all life within them, we confess that we have sinned against you and your creation. We have polluted the waters, harmed marine life, and taken your gifts for granted. We acknowledge the suffering of the earth and the groaning of creation. Forgive us, O God, for our selfishness and greed. Grant us the grace to love and respect the oceans, and to work together for their healing and restoration, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE 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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Lord, allow our ears to be open to your Word, especially where there are questions or challenges. Allow us to be open to where you are speaking to us in our discomfort.

First Reading: Job 38:1-18
(page 835 in the pew Bible)

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Psalms: Psalm 104:(1-9), 24-26
(page 940-941 in the pew Bible)

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Letters: Ephesians 1:3-10
(page 1817 in the pew Bible)

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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
(page 1597 in the pew Bible)

Pastor Courtenay

SERMON

“First Sunday in Creation: Ocean”

Rev. Courtenay Willcox

Hymn #69: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have 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?

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 people's 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?

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

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
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

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

Affirmation of Faith (2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which produced the Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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Anthem:

DOXOLOGY (#606) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 #41: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trish Conover

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