

WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

10:00 AM

PRELUDE Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners arr. C. Rice

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dana Winslow

- Welcome Rev. Liz Wagner!

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered; new followers and lifelong disciples, the powerful and the powerless, those who have too little and those who have too much.

We have gathered, for we are one in Christ.

We have come; seekers and skeptics, sinners and saints, the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.

We have come, for we are eager to hear God's word.

We are here, together.

Let us glorify the one true God.

Hymn #263: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all!

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin.

Make us your faithful people.

Help us to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

[We pause for a moment of silence and personal confession.]

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel: When anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and for the sins of the world.

In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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 TESTAMENT READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
(pages 1891, 1892 in Pew Bible)

SECOND TESTAMENT READING: Acts 1:1-14
(page 1690 in Pew Bible)

SERMON

Rev. Elizabeth Wagner

Hymn #507: Come to the Table of Grace

1 Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace.
Come to the table of peace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

3 Come to the table of love.
Come to the table of love.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

4 Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

5 Come to the table of joy.
Come to the table of joy.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Scan the QR code to give online.



Special Music: Andy Chen

Adagio Cantabile from Piano Sonata No. 8 in C minor Op. 13 Beethoven

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Hymn #260: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

POSTLUDE: Jesus! What a friend for Sinners arr. C. Rice

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liz Wagner spent thirty years as a CPA in corporate accounting in Charlotte, North Carolina before being called to the ministry. After graduating from Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte, Rev. Wagner served as the Associate Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, Arkansas, before returning to Ohio and serving as solo pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Logan. The Wagners moved to Philadelphia a couple years ago when Jim accepted the position of Business Administrator for the Presbytery of Philadelphia. She and her husband live in Center City, blocks away from their two sons, daughters-in-law and “grand-pets”. Liz had hoped to restart her final project in the Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, but God had other plans for her.

WORSHIP NOTES CONT:

The first surprise was the opportunity to serve as Director of Finance at Wayne Presbyterian Church, which was followed a year later by her transition back into pastoral ministry guiding the time of transition as the church sought their new head of staff. Ministry at Wayne Presbyterian Church was followed by another Director of Finance contract with OIC Philadelphia. Liz recognizes God's handiwork in her circuitous service within the Presbytery of Philadelphia and is eager to embrace her next opportunity.