



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day)



Holy Spirit, Saint Paul Church, Yellow Springs, Ohio

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Ryan Smith, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“Increase in humanity. Multiply the likeness of God for which you have the potential. Multiply the fullness of humanity that is found in Christ. Fill the earth with the glory of God. Increase in creativity. Bring into being that which God can look upon and pronounce ‘good,’ even ‘every good.’”

~Mercy Amba Oduyoye

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Scripture announces that this is a true saying and is to be universally accepted: **Christ came into the world to save sinners.**

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, in Christ you are forgiven. **Know this and be at peace.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591
HALLE HALLE

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ACTS 1:12, 14, 20-26

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 131

AS A CHILD RESTS
By Christopher Walker

GTG #474

SECOND READING

JOHN 15:9-17

(NRSV/CEB)

SERMON

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Rev. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. ... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- SENDING -

HYMN

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

GTG #693

Words by Hal H. Hopson

GIFT OF LOVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN A FLAT MAJOR

J.S. BACH



Coffee and tea are available in the gathering room. You are invited to grab a cup and head to the courtyard for (socially-distanced) fellowship.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: the *Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA); and the *Presbyterian Outlook*, John Wurster. GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal