



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 11)

July 18, 2021



Christ the Good Shepherd; Epigraph; Rome, Italy

Wendlene Lavey, Music
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

John Bair, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

Staying/sitting in a house is not the way God has ever been present, and a house is not something God demanded as guide and shepherd of the people. ~ Johanna van Wijk-Bos

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PC (USA) OGA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Gen. 28:16-17*)

Surely the Holy One is in this place!

This is the house of God.

PRELUDE **HOW GREAT THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US** (Synod Video)

Performed for the Synod of the Covenant by Rev. Joel Montgomery

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 84*)

Holy God, our sun and shield, **how beautiful is your home**
the temple where you dwell, **the city where you rule,**
the valley filled with springs, **the earth bursting with joy.**

As the swallow nests, **your presence shelters the vulnerable.**

as the sparrow tends her young,

your presence strengthens the body and makes every heart happy.

Bless this house and these bodies;

bless this fellowship and this world with your nesting presence.

Make them beautiful, we pray.

Come let us worship God.

HYMN

GOD IS HERE!

GTG #409

Text by Fred Pratt Green, Music by Cyril Vincent Taylor (ABBOT'S LEIGH)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, the pandemic has left us tired, anxious, and uncertain. We have stretched beyond our limits. We have accepted getting by as good enough, and have rejected your offers of spiritual nourishment. Help us, Holy God, to acknowledge and confess our need. Help us embrace your command for Sabbath rest. Help us care for ourselves, so we can continue to care for others. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Music by Dinah Reindorf

GTG #577
KYRIE ELEISON

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Jesus invites the thirsty to drink from his well.
Jesus invites the hungry to dine at his table.

In Christ, we are forgiven, we are filled, we are made whole.

Let us hear, accept, and embody this Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

RESPONSE

ALLELUIA
Music by Jacques Berthier

GTG #586
ALLELUIA 7

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

(NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

WATERMARK

Enya

HEBREW BIBLE

2 SAMUEL 7:1-14A

(NRSV)

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from 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...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 worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. Amen.

~ *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

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.**

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

GTG #310

Text by Timothy Dwight

ST. THOMAS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

(Synod Video)

Performed for the Synod of the Covenant
by Taide Prieto (Cello) and Francisco Fernandez (Piano)

Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee and tea.

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA;
Presbyterian Outlook, Teri McDowell Ott; *Together We Pray*, J. Bradley Wigger

GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; (NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version

Prelude/Postlude come from the Synod of the Covenant Worship (Summer 2020)