



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 14)

August 8, 2021



Segal, George; *Bread Line* - FDR Memorial, Washington D.C.

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

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

The test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

~ GATHERING ~

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

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(John 6:34-35)*

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. **Give us this bread always.**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 126)*

O God of the harvest, restore the fortunes of lands dried out by sadness.

**Gather the tears of your people everywhere,
and water the desert for a new season.**

Restore laughter to those who grieve.

Bring good dreams to those who need relief.

Send hope to hearts broken and lost.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Let there be a new harvest, mighty God.

Let there be a harvest of new life to fill every mouth with praise.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

HERE IN THIS PLACE

GTG #401

by Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Based on Psalm 130)*

Hear the cry of our souls, O Redeemer; in your mercy, hear the cries of the world. Untwist our tangled ways, we pray. Untie the knots of hatred choking the nations. Release in our world a longing for redemption, and free our souls to seek the way of love, every morning, every night, every moment. In you we set our hopes and our fears, mighty God. For you the world waits. *Time of Silent Confession.*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Based on Psalm 130*)

...It is the Holy One who will redeem us from all our iniquities. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

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

HEBREW BIBLE

1 KINGS 1:1A, 23-37

(NRSV)

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

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 6:25-27, 33-35, 47-59

(NRSV)

SERMON

LIVING BREAD

Rev. Wigger

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Confession of 1967*)

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for the sinful so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Ephesians 4:28*)

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread at this table?

... This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

... for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

What do we remember at this table?

... we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

What do we ask at this table?

...until the day you make all things new.

**Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION **BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE** **GTG #460**
by Mary Ann Lathbury; Music by William Fisk Sherwin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN **YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART** **GTG #523**
by Omer Westendorf; Music by Robert E. Kreutz **BICENTENNIAL**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Together We Pray*, by J. Bradley Wigger; and
Presbyterian Outlook, Teri McDowell Ott; GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal;
(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version