



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Ordinary Time (Proper 15)*

August 15, 2021



Solomon Praying to the Holy Spirit; Vrelant, Guillaume

Joe Stern, Music  
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

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

*Wisdom, wisdom born of love and suffering is a gift  
that comes from and with the God we seek. ~ Maggie Ross*

## ~ GATHERING ~

*As we gather, if you have prayers you would like included this week, please fill out a card and place in the basket at the front of worship.*

**PRELUDE**

**SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER**

Joe Stern

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Proverbs 9:2,5*)

Wisdom has prepared a feast for us; **let us eat and drink of God's gifts.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 110*)

Praise God!

**We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart,**  
in this congregation we will seek wisdom.

**Great are the works of God**  
studied by all who delight in them.

**God's deeds are amazing and to be remembered;**  
God is gracious and merciful.

**The awe of God is the beginning of wisdom;**  
All those who practice it have a good understanding.

**May God be praised forever.**

Come, let us worship God.

**HYMN**

**OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE**

PH #324

by Clara H. Scott

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, we may not be the leaders of states, the sovereigns of this world, but we do have power. We confess the ways we hoard our power, or exert it over others in vain efforts to establish ourselves. Forgive us for trying to make a name for ourselves at the expense of others. Forgive us for forgetting our own belovedness. Show us the path of wisdom once more, and give us the courage to walk in it, together. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.***

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US  
John Merbcke; arr. Healey Willan

PH #572

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Take a deep breath. Release all you've held too tightly. Feel how deeply held you are in the love of God. Believe that God is enough, that you are enough, that we are enough. Live in the grounding knowledge that God's forgiveness goes ahead of us, and behind us, and within us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**ALLELUIA**

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

PH #106

by Donald Fishel; arr. by Fishel and Betty Pulkingham

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 6:56-69

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

ALL HAIL TO GOD'S ANOINTED

PH #205

text by James Montgomery

(verses 1 & 4)

music by Thomas Tertuis Noble

**HEBREW BIBLE**

1 KINGS 2:1-3, 10-12; 3:1-15

(NRSV)

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**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

A LISTENING HEART

Rev. Wigger

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Westminster Catechism*)

Q: What is God?

**A: God is a Spirit, in and of God's self infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty; knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PH #592**

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*If you have a prayer you would like included this week, please fill out a card and place in the basket during gathering time or one of the hymns.*

**~ SENDING ~**

**HYMN**

**LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING**

**PH #376**

Text by Charles Wesley; Music by Rowland Hugh Prichard HYFRYDOL

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**WHISPERING HOPE**

**Joe Stern**

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

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*\*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 and *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri McDowell Ott

PH = "Presbyterian Hymnal"

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version