



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Ordinary Time (Proper 16)

August 22, 2021



Jesus' Hand Reaches Out to Children; Washington National Cathedral

Kyle and Tate McGovern, Music
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

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

"It takes a lifetime to fathom Jesus; it takes a lifetime to be clothed with Jesus....Are we daily, as sure as we put on our clothes in the morning, putting on Christ the Lord?" ~ Alexander MacLaren

~ 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

Kyle and Tate McGovern

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*1 John 3*)

Friends, we are children of God, what we will become is not yet known.
Let us love one another.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Good morning God, this is your day,
I am your child, show me your way.

Adults: Good morning God, this is your day,
I am your child, show me your way.

Youth (and parents): Good morning God, this is your day,
I am your child, show me your way.

Kids (and parents): Good morning God, this is your day,
I am your child, show me your way.

**All: Good morning God, we are going your way.
We know you're beside us all through the day.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

PH #420

Text by Harry Emerson Fosdick; Music by John Hughes GTG #307

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Based on Psalm 131*)

Holy God, who nurtures our lives with hope, calm our thoughts for now, and quiet our souls. Our hearts are too often low, and our eyes are not raised to you. Our minds are occupied and anxious, and we lose sight of your presence and your love and your peace. Calm our thoughts and quiet our souls, Holy God, so we can rest in you. Amen.
Time of Silent Confession.

***RESPONSE**

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

PH #572

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, may we know the Good News of the Gospel:
In Christ, we are forgiven. 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 8

(NRSV, select verses)

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

ANTHEM

Kyle and Tate McGovern

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

(NRSV)

SERMON

CLOTHED IN GOD

Rev. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JESUS LOVES ME!

PH #304

by Anna Bartlett Warner

GTG #188

music by William Batchelder Bradbury

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

Kyle and Tate McGovern

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

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

SONG OF HOPE / CANTO DE ESPERANZA
Argentine folk melody, text by Alvin Schutmaat

PH #432
(GTG #765)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kyle and Tate McGovern



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Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee or 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* by J. Bradley Wigger; and *Back-to-School Worship Liturgy* by Illustrated Ministry, LLC.

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