



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 17)

August 29, 2021



Shema Israel, Old City Jerusalem, photo by Michel D'anastasio

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. ~ Deuteronomy 6:5-6

~ 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Heb. 13:16)*

Do good and share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 121)*

Holy Creator, maker of heaven and hill, earth and valley,
keep our going out and our coming in, we pray.

As we sleep in the shadows of the moon;
keep our hearts grateful.

As we share our meals and as we rest easy;
keep our feet steady,

As we come into your home and as we go out again;
keep our lips praising you.

As we work and as we play
keep our going out and our coming in, we pray.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN **TAKE THOU OUR MINDS, DEAR LORD** **GTG #707**
Words by William H. Foulkes; Music by Calvin Weiss Laufer **HALL**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.
Time of Silent Confession.

***RESPONSE**

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

PH #572

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Book of Common Worship*)

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

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 READING

MARK 7

(NRSV, select verses)

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

ANTHEM

CANZONE

by George Frideric Handel

SECOND READING

JAMES 1:17-27

(NRSV)

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Shema: Deuteronomy 6:4-9*)

Hear, O Israel: **The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand, and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead, inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

~ *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

God of mercy, **hear 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

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

GTG #729

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

VERSETTO

by Domenico Zipoli

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; *Together We Pray*, by J. Bradley Wigger; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri McDowell Ott

GTG = *Glory to God*; PH = *Presbyterian Hymnal*

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version

