



INDEPENDENCE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



HEBREWS 10:24-25
DON'T STOP MEETING TOGETHER, INSTEAD...

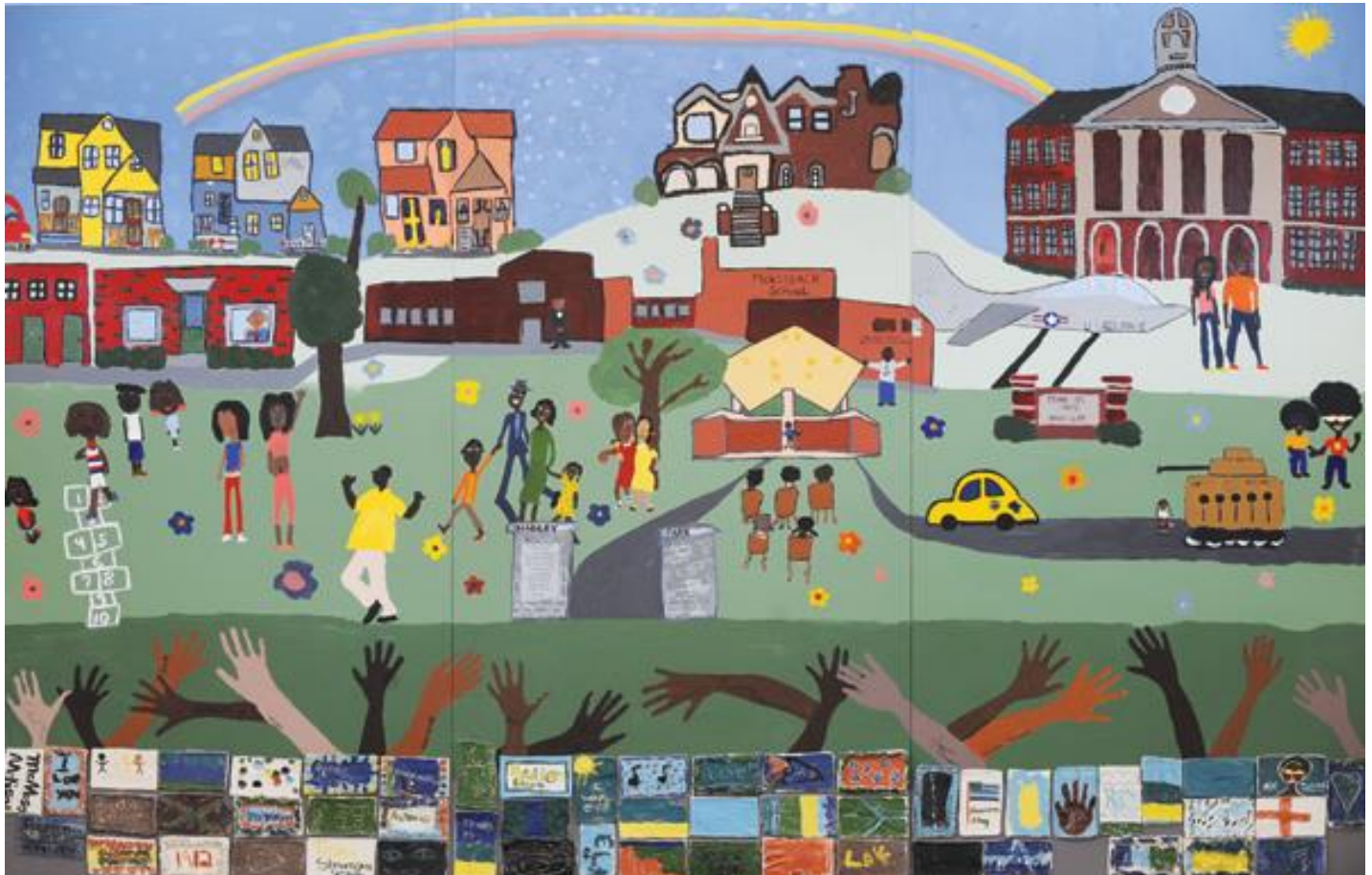
*Encourage
one another*

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RALLY DAY!!!

16th Sunday after Pentecost / Ordinary Time (Proper 19)

September 12, 2021



History of our Community; Becca Gannick and Preston Taylor; Nashville, TN

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

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pasto

We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know [God] in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone any more.

~ Dorothy Day

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Hebrews 10:24-25)*

Let us consider each other, sparking love and good deeds:
Don't stop meeting together, but encourage one another.

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN B MAJOR

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 133)*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

O God of the blessing, bring us together, we pray;
**unite our community by your goodness,
and knit us tightly by your mercy.**

Anoint this house with love, Holy One,
and pour your blessing like soft oil over the face of the earth.

Drench all the families of earth in blessing.

Bring us together, we pray, and let us live in unity and love.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

GTG #754

text by Fred Kaan; music by Doreen Potter

BARONITA

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

IPC has received "Family Book Bundles" from PCUSA and Flyaway books.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Kids: May God be with you here. **Adults: May God be with you there.**

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Based on James 3)*

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, too often, words of discord. We sow division, break others down and ignore one another. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Based on James 5*)

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven, redeemed, restored to God's path of righteousness. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE HALLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Based on Psalm 19*)

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1:35-46

(CEB)

EPISTLE LESSON

HEBREWS 10:19-25, 32-39

(CEB)

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

SERMON

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Rev. Wigger

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

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ... This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

~ *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

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.

...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE

GTG #770

African American Spiritual; arr. Carl Diton

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

GTG #306

words by John Fawcett; music by Johann Georg Nägeli

DENNIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN B MAJOR

J.S. Bach

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

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

GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; (CEB) = Common English Bible