



Encourage one another

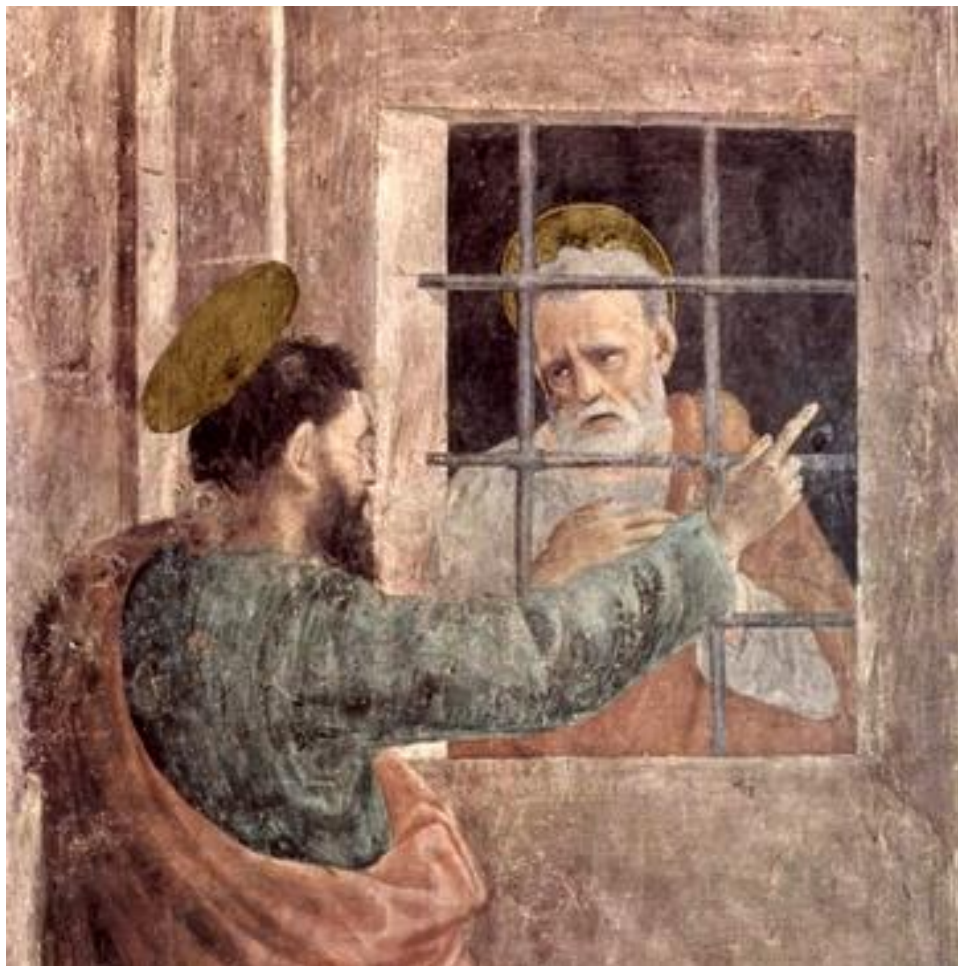
INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



www.ipcusa.org - 6624 Public Square - (216) 524-6307 - ipcusaorg@gmail.com

2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022



Paul Visits Peter in Prison, Filippino Lippi, Santa Maria del Carmine, Italy.

C.J. Briggs, Music Director

Paula Trill, Liturgist

Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*What else can one do when he is alone in a narrow jail cell,
other than write long letters, think long thoughts and pray long prayers.*

~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Psalm 36*)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Isaiah 62*)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her righteousness shines out like a light,
and her salvation blazes like a torch.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones.

The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
See your salvation comes; your reward is with the Lord."

They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"
and you shall be called, "A City Not Forsaken"

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

GTG #729

African American Spiritual

Children may begin to make their way to the front during the fourth verse.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHANGE SINGS

by Amanda Gorman

Illustrated by Loren Long

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in our sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

... Hear, believe, and trust your new name:

In Jesus Christ, my name is forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD

GTG #583

by Jacques Berthier

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*from Archbishop Desmond Tutu*)

EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-5; 12-18

NRSV

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 3:18-20; 9:7-9

NRSV

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

GTG #775

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids; Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.