

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

HEBREWS 10:24-25



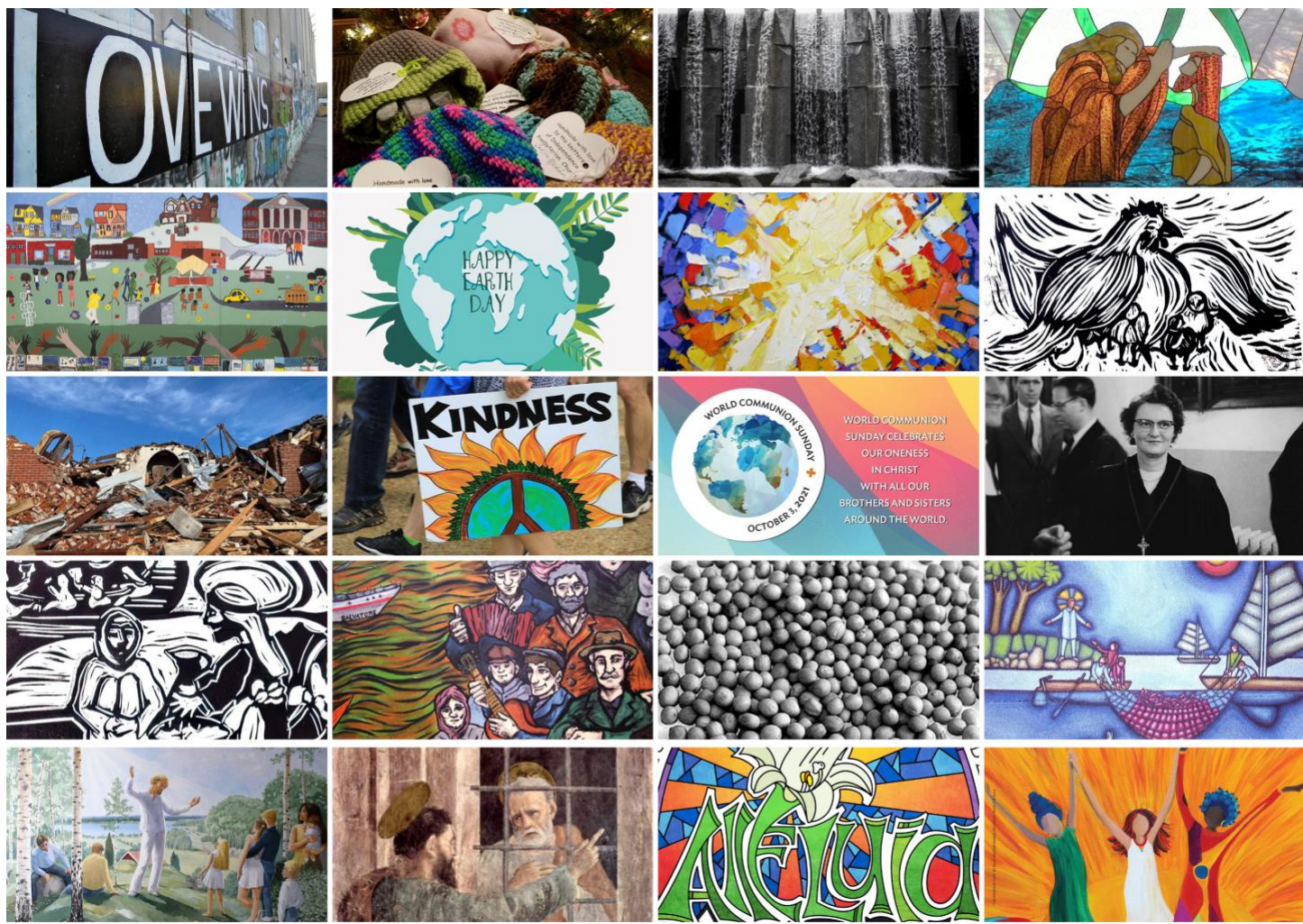
INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATION

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 15, 2022



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Sometimes all you hear about is the hate, but there is more love in this world than you could possibly imagine. ~ Charlie Mackesy

~ GATHERING ~

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

Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.

*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

by Fred Kaan

BARONITA

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. **Alleluia! 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 (Refrain)

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOHN 13:31-35

(CEB)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

GTG #203

Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. by Tom Colvin; arr. Jane Marshall

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:19-25, 32-39

(CEB)

SERMON

PRACTICE ENCOURAGEMENT

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #601

Anon. Danish

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

***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... *(continued on next page)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued from previous page)*

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.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

GUIDE MY FEET

GTG #741

African American Spiritual

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Encourage
one another

Today's liturgy has been adapted from various worship services from this program year. The hymns are reprised from previous program year services: the Gathering was also the gathering hymn on Rally Day; the Word hymn was from Maundy Thursday. And the Sending hymn was from Rev. Wigger's installation service.

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

The bulletin cover image is a compilation of various cover images from this year.