



THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

1837 ~ 2022

185TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Third Sunday after the Pentecost (Proper 8) ~ June 26, 2022



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Saturday, June 24, 1837 ~ Six people met to form a Congregational Church.

Sunday, June 25, 1837 ~ The new church held its first service.

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(taken from GTG #697, based on Psalm 90)*

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come.

PRELUDE

Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 17)*

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the sea were born,
from age to age you are God.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,
so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper the work of our hands.

On this our 185th anniversary as church, come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

HERE IN THIS PLACE

GTG #401

by Marty Haugen

GATHER US IN

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(taken from a 1987 worship service of IPC)*

Faithful God, we admit our failure to be your faithful people. You speak but we listen to others. When you demand justice, we hear threats to our privileges; when you cry out for peace, we worry about profits, power and security; and when you address our need for brotherhood, we respond with excuses. Forgive our failures, and reward our sincere attempts at discipleship by granting us the gift of hearing. And after hearing your will, may we be empowered to share it with our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

American folk melody

GTG #551

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591

CHILDREN OF GOD

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14

(NRSV)

HYMN

GOD OF OUR LIFE

GTG #211

by Hugh Thomson Kerr

SANDON

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 9:51-62

(NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A LOVING FUTURE

Sermon name comes from Rev. Ford's sermon at the rededication of the chapel in 1989.

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #600

African American

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

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** [See Insert]

For the Celebration of a Congregational Anniversary.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

~ *SENDING* ~

***HYMN**

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

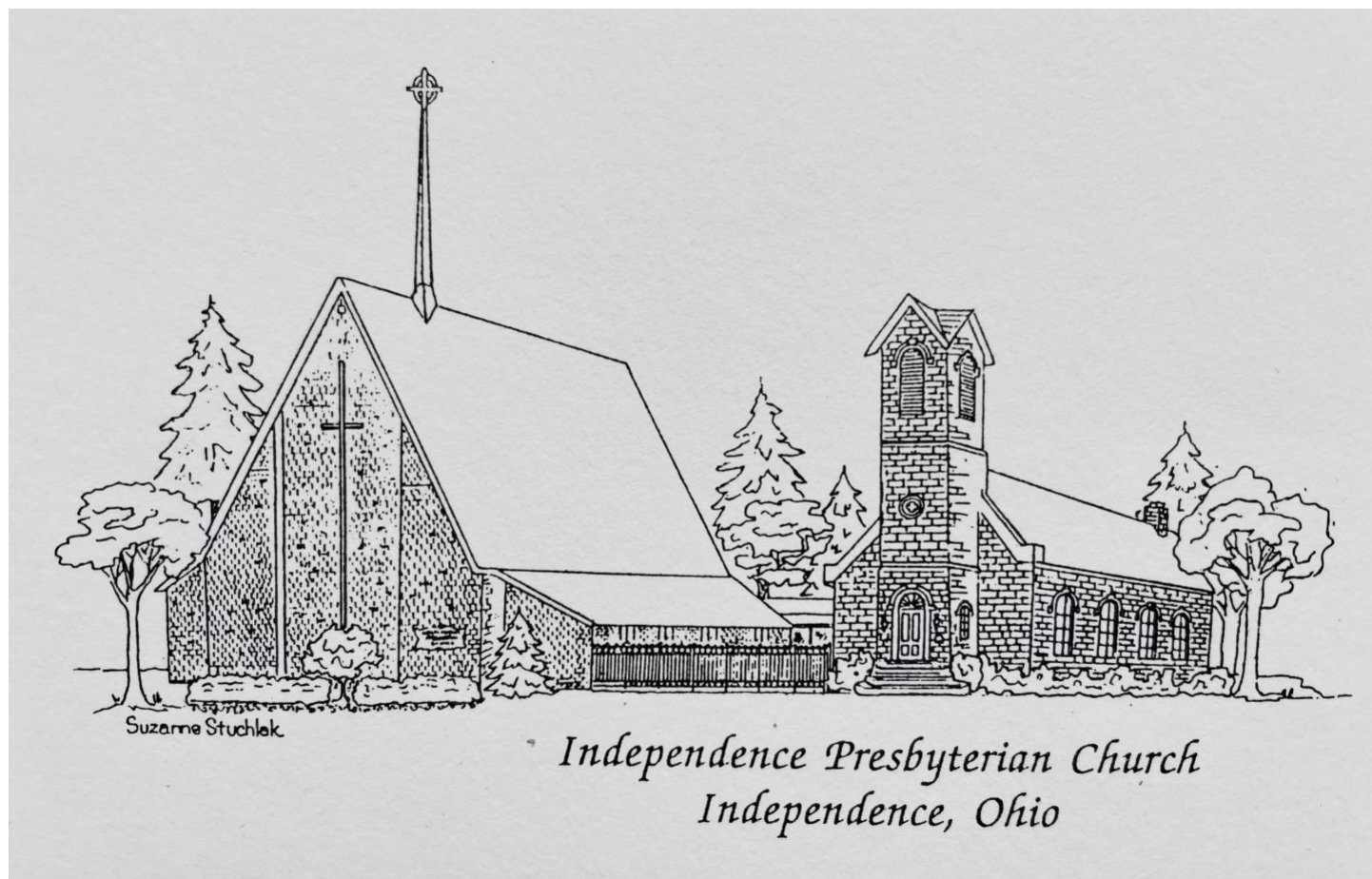
GTG #687

by Isaac Watts

ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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.

NRSV = New Revised Standard Version ~ GTG = Glory to God Hymnal

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** *(for the Celebration of a Congregational Anniversary)*

For the Church universal,
and for this congregation of your people,

We give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer,
witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,

We give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,

We give you thanks, O God.

For your children by adoption and grace,
who in this place were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raise to new and eternal life,

We give you thanks, O God.

For disciples, young and old
who have been nurtured here in faith,

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,

We give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,

We give thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,

We give thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

We give thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,

We give thanks, O God.

