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INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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We hold these truths to be self-evident... We're the cure for hatred caused by despair. We're the good morning of a bus driver who remembers our name, the tattooed man who gives up his seat on the subway. We're every door held open with a smile when we look into each other's eyes the way we behold the moon. We're the promise of one people, one breath declaring to one another: *I see you. I need you. I am you.* ~ Richard Blanco

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Hebrews 13:2)*

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing so, some have welcomed angels without knowing it.

PRELUDE

Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 30)*

I will worship you, O Lord, my God,
for you have welcomed me in.

I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Sing praises all you faithful, give thanks to God's holy name.

Hear, O Lord, and receive me!

O Holy One, be my refuge!

You have turned my mourning into dancing,

you have taken off my sackcloth, you have clothed me with joy.

May my soul praise you and not be silent

I will give thanks to you forever!

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

GOD OF THE SPARROW

GTG #22

by Jaroslav J. Vajda

ROEDER

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored.**

***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

CHILDREN OF GOD

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 13:1-8

(CEB)

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 6:17-23

(NRSV)

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

HYMN

GOD WELCOMES ALL
by John L. Bell

GTG #399

THEMBA AMEN

SERMON

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #600

African American

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (*continued next page*)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... joining the song of all creation:

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.

INSTRUMENTAL

DO LORD

Traditional

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **SENDING** ~

*HYMN

THIS IS MY SONG

GTG #340

by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness

FINLANDIA

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.

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