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INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2022 (Proper 17)



A Parable – Where to Sit, Hochhalter, Cara B.

Janet Dular, Special Music
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Nancy Bair, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet. ~ Frederick Buechner*

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(James 1:17-18)*

Every generous act is a gift from God,
who gives birth to us through the word.

PRELUDE

Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 112)*

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

Secure our hearts, Holy One,
and bless this generation.

Steady us, we pray, and keep us faithful:

**to give freely to the poor,
to delight in your commandments,
to do business for the sake of justice,
to live by grace and generosity.**

Steady us, we pray, to fear no evil.

Secure our hearts, Holy One, and bless this world.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

GTG #307

by Harry Emerson Fosdick

CWM RHONDDA

*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and
cleanses us, making us new, making us whole.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS
Arr. Betty Pulkingham and Donald Fishel

Instrumental

CHILDREN OF GOD

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

PSALM 112

(NRSV)

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

ANTHEM

PRELUDE (OP. 28 NO. 4)
by Chopin

Janet Dular

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

(NRSV)

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

SERMON

RESPONSE

AMEN
Anon. Danish

GTG #601

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to God. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

GTG #318

by John Oxenham

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

VERSETTO

Janet Dular

by Zipoli

Pieces of today's liturgy are from:

Book of Common Worship (PCUSA); *Together We Pray*, J. Bradley Wigger; *Connections*, David Gambrell, ed.; *Call to Worship*, *Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.

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