

**commit your work to the LORD and  
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

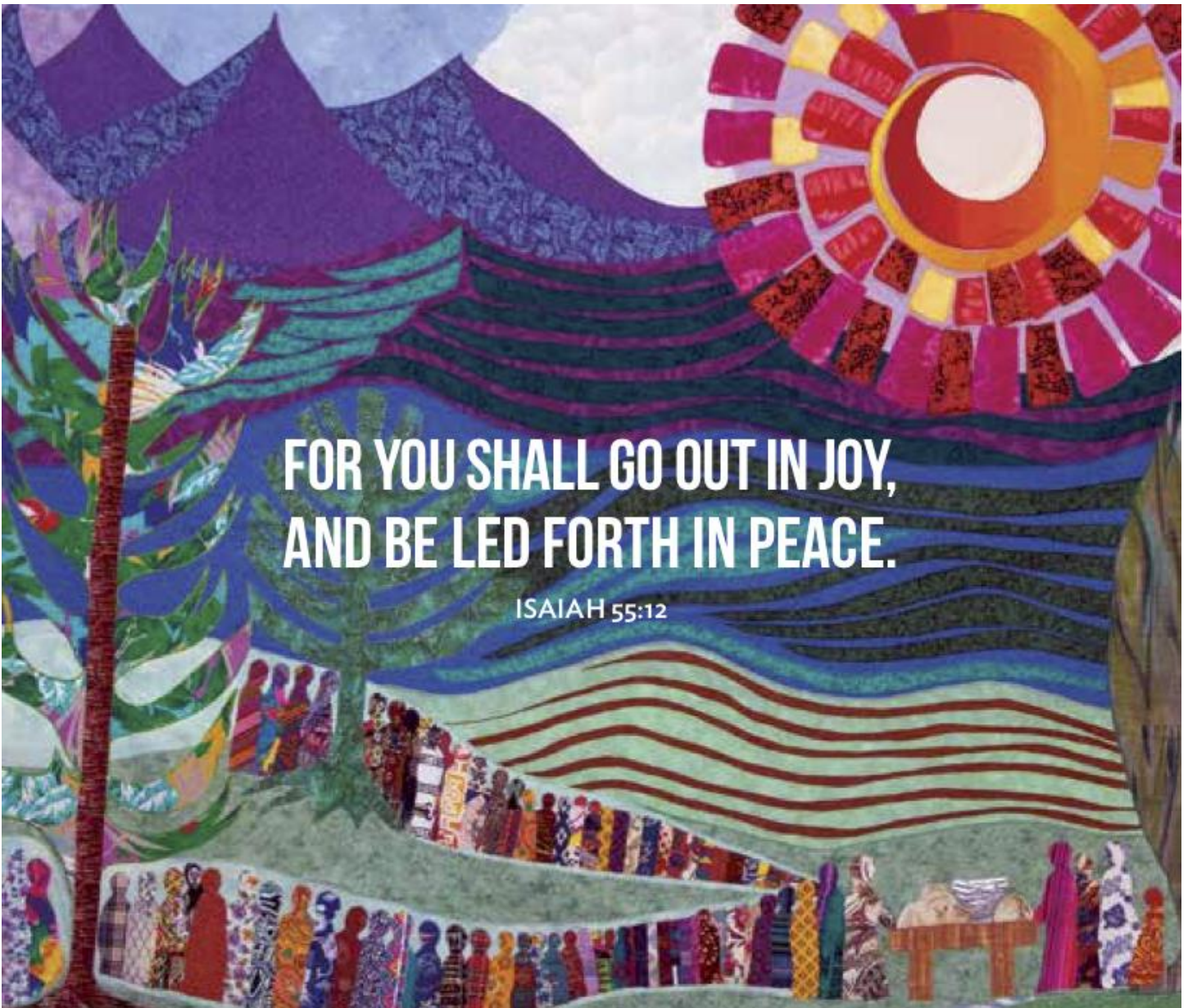
# **INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*October 2, 2022*



**FOR YOU SHALL GO OUT IN JOY,  
AND BE LED FORTH IN PEACE.**

ISAIAH 55:12

C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

~ **GATHERING** ~

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Isaiah 55:12*)

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace.

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*adapted from Isaiah 55*)

From north and south and east and west,  
**all creation sings forth your praises!**

The mountains and the hills burst into song;  
**the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Your steadfast love never ceases.

**With joy and peace, let us worship God together.**

**\*HYMN**

WE WAIT THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM

GTG #378

by Kathleen R. Moore

MERLE'S TUNE

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

WHY DO WE...

*Share Communion?*

**POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**All: May God be with you there.**

**Kids: May God be with you here.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*adapted from 2 Timothy 1*)

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts – the spirit of power, love, and self-discipline – that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*adapted from Lamentations 3:22-23*)

Believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*INSTRUMENTAL** I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

African American spiritual

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

*Gifts intended for the special offering should be placed in the designated envelopes.*

~ **THE WORD** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

ISAIAH 55:1-12

(NRSV)

**EPISTLE LESSON**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:18-26, 33

(NRSV)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

COME TOGETHER TO EAT

**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.**

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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; that 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; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Offering plates are available in the back.*

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**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**~ EUCHARIST ~**

*The capacity of fire and food to bring people together is almost universal across cultures and geographical borders. And sometimes, we need do no more than light a candle to create a sense of community around our dinner tables.*

~ Meik Wiking

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

... As we gather around Christ's table,  
we are united with all of God's beloved across the world through the love  
and grace made known in bread broken and cup passed.

So come to the table where we witness Christ's love and peace for all.

**HYMN**

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE

GTG #507

by Barbara Hamm

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## SANCTUS

... With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

**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.**

## COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**INSTRUMENTAL**      **COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE**      **GTG #507**  
by Barbara Hamm

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

**\*HYMN**      **YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY**      **GTG #80**  
by Steffi Geiser Rubin      **THE TREES OF THE FIELD**

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*RESPONSE**      **GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN**      *(verse 1)* **#541**  
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin      **RANDOLPH**

## POSTLUDE

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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. *Together We Pray*, by J. Bradley Wigger;  
*Peace and Global Witness Worship Resources*, by Rev. Katie Owen Aumann

# † NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS †

You are invited to the Independence 2022 Semi-Annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, October 8th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the Independence Fieldhouse, 6354 Selig Drive. The IPC Presbyterian Women will sell jewelry and accessories from its  
**“Baubles, Bangles and Beads Boutique”**

Proceeds from the boutique's sales will increase the Presbyterian Women mission budget. So... stop by, say “hello” and purchase some new items to accent your fall wardrobe at inexpensive prices. Without your generous jewelry donations this fundraiser would not be possible. Thank you!!

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It's time for our annual collection for Love INC to assist with their Coat Drive! The blue collection bins will be set up by our coat rack in the sanctuary on 10/2 and 10/9, the final collection day. All sizes and styles are acceptable and the coats will be dry cleaned after Love INC receives them.

Thank you in advance for any coats you are able to donate!

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We are currently in need of liturgists for the remaining Sundays in 2022! Why not consider giving it a chance, it's not a lifelong commitment, you can just try it once and see how it goes, you might just find out that you have a hidden skill!

Please call, email or sign up on the sheet hanging up outside of the office. Thanks!

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October has no shortage of IPC birthdays! So, let's bid adieu to September and fall right into October!

1 Connie Smith  
3 Mike Messenger  
5 Nina Savastano  
6 David Edwards

May the joy that you spread all year long come back to each and every one of you on your special days! Happy birthday to you!

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### Upcoming

2 Mission - After Worship  
2 Outreach - After worship  
3 Stewardship Meeting - 9am

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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

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This is your time to be fruitful and multiply; October blessings are here to stay!  
Thank you for attending the service today, your presence brightens our days.

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