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Sermon on the Mount by Gerd Altmann (Pixabay)

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"Ubuntu ... speaks of the very essence of being human. It is to say, 'My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours.' We belong in a bundle of life. We say, 'A person is a person through other persons.'" -Archbishop Desmond Tutu

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude	"Sinfonia in Bb"	J.S. Bach
Call to Worship (based on Psalm 4)		Sue Saunders
Leader:	God of gladness,	
All:	let the light of your face shine on us	
Leader:	when we lie down and when we rise,	
	when we work and when we rest,	
All:	when we eat and when we smile,	
	when we cry and when we dream.	
Leader:	Let the light of your face shine on us, we pra	ay.
All:	Let the light of your grace shine on the wo	orld.
Leader:	Come, let us worship God.	
Hymn	"O Word of God Incarnate" C	Glory God #459

Pouring of the Baptismal Waters

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all, we lament the state of our life together. We sow division rather than seek unity. We know, gracious God, that we cannot mend all the torn places in the fabric of our country. The rips are too big, the ongoing pulling apart too strong. We know, too, almighty God, that nothing is impossible for you. You promise to do abundantly more than we can ever hope or imagine. You call us to bold ministries of repair and reconciliation, justice and mercy. You command us to love our neighbors, love our enemies, love in ways immeasurably powerful through your Spirit. As we pray and work, may we follow Jesus Christ so closely that we cannot help but see him everywhere and in all people. In Christ's name we pray. [Time of silent confession]

Kyrie Eleison

C.J. Briggs b.1988

Assurance of Pardon

Leader:	Believe the good news and give thanks:
All:	In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Leader:The peace of Christ be with you.All:And also with you.

A Dream for IPC...

Butler Family

THE WORD

Children's Momentbit.ly/IPCvideosPlease visit our YouTube channel for today's children's moment.

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Bible	Joshua 5:13-15	
Leader: All:	Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God Thanks be to God.	l's people.
Anthem	"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Fee	t" GTG #458
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-26	
Sermon	In the Light of Ubuntu	Rev. David Wigger

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Responding to the Word

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of grace, All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending

Hymn

"This Little Light of Mine"

Traditional

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuAif1CVnx0&feature=youtu.be

Benediction

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wg49mvZ2V5U

Postlude

"No. 2 from Play Piano Play"

Friedrich Gulda



Benediction video comes from the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation Pieces of today's liturgy were written by Jill Duffield: *Presbyterian Outlook* and by J. Bradley Wigger: *Together We Pray*