



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ordinary Time (Proper 6)

June 13, 2021



Samuel and David, Castro Center, Haifa. Photo by Dr. Avishai Teicher, PikiWiki

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

Joe Stern, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

The Holy One said to Samuel, “Do not regard his appearance and the height of his stature for I have rejected him. For not as a human sees does God see, for humans see in the eyes, and the Holy One sees in the heart.”

~ 1 Samuel 16:7 (Translation by Johanna van Wijk-Bos)

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(by William Countryman, based on Mk. 4)*

Jesus told a story about a farmer. The man planted his fields and left them to time and the rains, while he went about his daily routine, day after day. **The crop sprouted and grew on its own, shooting up, flowering, setting seed. Then the farmer started the harvest.**

PRELUDE

DOCTOR GRADUS AD PARNASSUM

from Children's Corner; by Claude Debussy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Loving God, we come today yearning for that which is trustworthy.

We come needing to be surprised by your unexpected answers.

We come remembering how you, O Lord,

work through things we dismiss and overlook.

Grant us new eyes to see your works, Gracious God;

and new hearts to love the world as you love us.

Come let us worship God.

HYMN

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

GTG #817

by Henry Alford

DUNLAP'S CREEK

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unending patience and mercy, relieve us of the tyranny of believing that we see all there is. Renew in us faith and trust in the grandeur of your wisdom. Grant us the gift of faith that rests in things unseen. Teach us, again and again, what it means to trust in you. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession.]

RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is always a step ahead of us, calling us to grow in the gift of our forgiveness made available to us in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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
HALLE HALLE

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MARK 4:26-34

(CEB)

SECOND READING.

1 SAMUEL 15:27-28, 34-16:13

(NRSV)

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

SERMON

OF EYES AND HEARTS

Rev. Wigger

PSALM 20

MAY GOD SUPPORT YOU ALL YOUR DAYS
by David Gamrell

GTG #548
DICKINSON COLLEGE

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES AND TEACHERS

Sunday School Teachers:

Pat Clark, Nancy Jermann, Ryan Smith, Joe Stern

2020 Graduates:

Katie Lavey, Trent Somple

2021 Graduates:

*Mike Clark, Makayla Hawkins, McKenzie Hawkins,
Caleb Mamere, Chase Somple, Zachary Rahn*



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

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. "Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

Words by Thomas Ken

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

ALL PRAISE TO THEE, MY GOD, THIS NIGHT

GTG #675

by Thomas Ken

TALLIS' CANON

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION ON TALLIS' CANON

Coffee and tea are available in the gathering room.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *The Book of Common Worship*, PC(USA);
and from the *Presbyterian Outlook*, written by John Cleghorn.

GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal

(NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version; (CEB) = Common English Bible