



*Encourage one another*

# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

*A Service of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve*

October 24, 2021, 3:00 PM



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Elder Marcia Alcorn (*Moderator*), Elder Laura Butler (*Independence*),  
Rev. Luke Choi (*PCUSA*), Rev. Sharon Core (*General Presbyter*),  
Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines (*Forest Hill*), Elder Jo Naretto (*Lakewood*),  
Rev. Jane Larsen-Wigger (*Mid-Kentucky Presbytery*)

## ~ GATHERING ~

*You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.*

~ Thomas Merton

### GATHERING MUSIC

C.J. Briggs

### WELCOME *(from Gal 3:27, Eph. 4:4)*

Elder Laura Butler

As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

### PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN C MAJOR

J.S. Bach

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 78)*

Listen my friends, listen to my teaching, for I will speak to you in a  
parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past.

**Stories we have heard and know.**

**Stories our ancestors handed down to us.**

We will not hide these truths from our children, but will tell the next  
generation of the glorious deeds of the Holy One.

**For God issued instructions to Jacob;  
and gave the Word to Israel**

God commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children

**So that generations to come might know them**

That they in turn might teach their children

**So, each generation can set their hope in God.**

Come let us worship God.

### HYMN

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

GTG #475

Text: Robert Robinson; Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music* (NETTLETON)

### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Rev. Dr. J. Bradley Wigger, Elizabeth and Jacob Wadsworth Wigger

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*from Together We Pray; based on Psalm 130*)

**Hear the cry of our souls, O Redeemer; in your mercy, hear the cries of the world. Untwist our tangled ways, we pray. Untie the knots of hatred choking the nations. Release in our world a longing for redemption, and free our souls to seek the way of love, every morning, every night, every moment. In you we set our hopes and our fears, mighty God. For you the world waits. [Time of silent confession.]**

**\*RESPONSE**

**KYRIE**

**Sing the Faith #2110**

Words: Ancient Greek; Music: Chip Andrus

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*from Together We Pray; based on Psalm 32*)

**We praise you today, gracious God, we praise you today.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

**RESPONSE**

**GOD WELCOMES ALL**

**GTG #399**

South African song; transcr. John L. Bell

**THEMBA AMEN**

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (*Together We Pray; Psalm 86*) **Elder Jo Naretto**

**HEBREW BIBLE**

**I SAMUEL 15:34-16:13**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**MARK 4:26-34**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Dr. Veronica Goines**

**HYMN**

**LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING / NENO LAKE MUNGU**

**GTG #456**

Text and Music: Kenyan (anonymous Swahili hymn)

trans. Howard S. Olsen; arr. Austin C. Lovelace

**INSTALLATION OF THE PASTOR**

**Marcia Alcorn and Rev. Sharon Core**

**CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR** Rev. Jane Larsen-Wigger

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION** Rev. Luke Choi

**RESPONSE** HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH! GTG #591  
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell HALLE HALLE

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** Rev. Sharon Core

*Offerings received during today's service will go to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Candidate's Scholarship Fund and the Committee on Ministry Emergency Fund. Checks should be written to: Presbytery of the Western Reserve. Pledges intended for the church should be dropped off at the office this week.*

**\*RESPONSE** DOXOLOGY GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ **SENDING** ~

**HYMN** GUIDE MY FEET GTG #741

*Sung today in memory of Lewis Washington (1959 – 2021)*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING** Rev. David B. Wigger

**POSTLUDE** FUGUE IN C MAJOR J.S. Bach



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Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); and *Together We Pray* by J. Bradley Wigger. GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; NRSV = New Revised Standard Version. Cover image: *White Mustard Seeds*, Edal Lfterov.

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