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INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Reconciliation, Amos Supuni; Netherlands

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*“All major religions have the Golden Rule in common. ...
Not always the same words but the same meaning.” ~ Norman Rockwell*

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Leviticus 19*)

You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 37*)

Trust in the LORD, take delight in the LORD,
commit your way to the LORD.

We trust in God, who acts with justice and shines God's light.

Be still before the HOLY ONE, and wait patiently for God.

**Our salvation comes from the HOLY ONE,
who is our refuge and our strength.**

Come, let us worship God with gladness!

HYMN

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Argentine folk melody

GTG #765

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, the economy of your love is beautiful, expending goodness and extending lines of forgiveness beyond our imagining. The economy of our love is stingy and crooked. We invest love where it can be repaid. We spend mercy where it yields gain. We advance blessing we can bank on. We hold grudges with interest. We do all of this with no recognition of how deeply indebted we are to you. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, we pray with our whole hearts. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD
by Jacques Berthier

GTG #583
GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

NRSV

HYMN

Son of God, Whose Heart is Peace
Maori hymn

GTG #425

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 6:27-38

NRSV

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

SERMON

Rev. Wigger

RESPONSE

AMEN
Anon. Danish

GTG #601

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

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

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... (*continued on next page*)

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; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

GTG #761

Text by Jane Parker Huber, Music by John Zundel

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids; Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott.