

INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SQUARE



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA &
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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~ **GATHERING** ~

The Church's evangelizing mission moves along the path of ecumenism, the path of unity of faith, of evangelical witness and authentic fraternity. ~ Pope Benedict XVI

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Luke 24:48, 51*)

We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!
Christ has ascended to reign on high.

PRELUDE

***LITANY FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD** (*Responsive Call to Worship*)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

God is ruler over all the earth; the Lord reigns on a holy throne.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

God put this power to work in Christ, raising him the name above all names. Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Jesus Christ is Lord! Glory to God in the highest.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

PH #144

by William Chatterton Dix

HYFRYDOL

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen. [*Silent Confession.*]

***RESPONSE** LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US PH #572
John Merbecke; arr. Healey Willan

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Alleluia! Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ALLELUIA ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS PH #106 (*refrain*)
by Donald Fishel ALLELUIA NO. 1

MINUTE FOR MISSION SHOE DRIVE FUNDS2ORG

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING EPHESIANS 1-2 (*Select Verses*) (NRSV)

SECOND READING LUKE 24:48-53 & ACTS 1:1-11 (NRSV)

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,
and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING PH #150
by Christian Henry Bateman MADRID

SERMON ONE IN CHRIST

RESPONSE AMEN PH #586
Anon. Danish

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*) (*continued on next page*)

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day**

he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Offering plates are located by the doors. One for IPC. One for IUMC.

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

PH #591

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Modern ecumenical version from the Church of England)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

HE IS KING OF KINGS
African American Spiritual

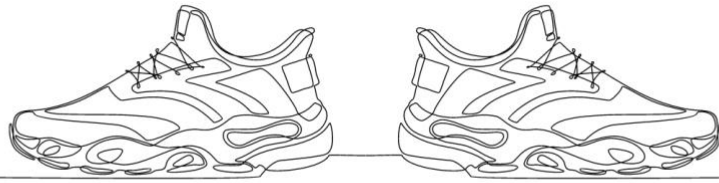
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship*, *Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Barbara Chaapel. Cover: Ecumenism is commonly portrayed symbolically as a boat afloat on the sea of the world with the mast in the form of a cross. Design by Meredith Eliassen, 2017.



MISSION SHOE DRIVE

Hello IPC! Our church is working together with other churches in the Cooperative Mission group to collect as many shoes as we can to donate to help others. The collection will run from now through the end of July and the collection bins can be found in the back of the church.

What: Shoe Drive Fundraiser

Where: IPC

Why: To help others (details below)

Action: Drop unwanted shoes in the designated bins

Deadline: Shoes will be collected from now until Sunday, July 31st

Details: Any size/style of shoe is acceptable. (No skates or rollerblades. Please no shoes with holes or tears.) Everything else is good! Anything from flip-flops to boots to cleats to heels to sneakers. Please tie shoes with laces together and rubber-band other pairs if possible. Putting all the shoes in a bag works too. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

How you are helping: These shoes, which are staying out of landfills, are being collected locally. We are running this fundraiser through Funds2Orgs (funds2orgs.com). The shoes are picked up by Funds2Orgs and then distributed to people running micro-enterprises in developing nations (the shoes are used as inventory by small business owners). The church is paid by Funds2Orgs for every pound of shoes collected. In this case, IPC is working with other churches to collect as much as possible and all of the money received for all of the shoes collected will be given to two Ohio charities, Brigid's Path (brigidspath.org, which helps infants born addicted) and RAHAB Ministries (www.rahab-ministries.org, which is working to counter human trafficking). It's a win-win-win – the shoes are recycled (and out of closets!), people abroad benefit and local charities are supported. Thank you for your effort!

Contact Information: If you have a question, please contact Lee McGovern at 216.233.5849 or at leechristinecarr@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Potential Hymns:

GTG

Presbyterian Hymnal:
141-157

PH 141 - GTG 258 – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

***PH 144 – GTG 260 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Gathering)**

PH 194 – GTG 261 – Peoples, Clap Your Hands!

***PH 150 – GTG 267 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Word)**

***PH 153 – GTG 273 – He Is King of Kings (Sending)**

PH 462 – GTG 662 – Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies