



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST (PROPER 7)

Juneteenth, Father's Day, & Teacher Appreciation Sunday (June 19, 2022)



The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

C.J. Briggs, Music Director

Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Elder Joe Stern, Liturgist

Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

"If you love your children, if you love your country, if you love the God of love, clear your hands from slaves, [burden] not your children or your country with them. . . . that you may put your trust in God, who sees your condition; and as a merciful father pitieth his children, so doth God pity them that love him" ~ Richard Allen

~ *GATHERING* ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Luke 8*)

Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you.

Let us go throughout the city proclaiming how much Jesus has done.

PRELUDE

Please sign the friendship register and pass it on.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 17*)

Hear a just cause, O Holy One; attend to my cry;

Turn your ear to my prayers.

From you let my vindication come;

let your eyes see the right.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,

Save those who seek refuge in you.

When I behold justice, I see your face;

I'll be content to see your likeness.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

GTG #317

African American spiritual; text by John Oxenham

MC KEE

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Grace, we have harmed your children who you love. Because we do not understand them, we separate them, we reject them, we ignore them, and we hurt them. Forgive us, in your infinite love, and teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us. Amen.

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 8:26-39

(NRSV)

PSALM 17

HEAR, O LORD, MY PLEA FOR JUSTICE

GTG #211

by Michael Morgan (*Psalm 17*)

CHARLESTOWN

EPISTLE READING

GALATIANS 3:23-29

(NRSV)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

RESPONSE

AMEN

GTG #600

African American

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from The Second Helvetic Confession*)

The heavenly Father even sent the only-begotten Son, the most perfect teacher of the world; in whom is hidden the wisdom of God. For he chose disciples for himself whom he made apostles. These went out into the whole world, and everywhere gathered together churches by the preaching of the Gospel, and then throughout all the churches in the world they appointed pastors or teachers according to Christ's command; through their successors he has taught and governed the Church unto this day. (*Continued on the next page*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued)*

Furthermore, the ministers of the new people are called by various names. For they are called apostles, prophets, evangelists, bishops, elders, pastors, and teachers. The teachers instruct and teach the true faith and godliness. Therefore, the ministers of the churches may now be called bishops, elders, pastors, and teachers.

CHILDREN OF GOD

TEACHER APPRECIATION

PAT CLARK	RYAN SMITH
*NANCY JERMANN	JOE STERN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*RESPONSE	DOXOLOGY	GTG #606
		OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN	LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING	GTG #339
	by James Weldon Johnson	LIFT EVERY VOICE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the gathering room to further celebrate our fathers and teachers.

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

NRSV = New Revised Common Version ~ GTG = Glory to God Hymnal

**Nancy Jermann is retiring from Sunday School teaching.*