



**commit your work to the LORD and
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reception of New Members ~ April 30, 2023



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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

In our own woundedness, we can become a source of life for others.

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Luke 24:34)*

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!



PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 57)*

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast.

Our hearts are pounding with praise and gratitude.

As your love reaches to the mountains,
our hearts pound.

As your love reaches to the clouds,
our hearts pound.

As your love reaches to the moon, the sun, the planets, the stars,
our hearts are pounding with praise and gratitude.

God Most High, reach to us we pray.

Touch our souls with joy and this house with love.

Awaken our hearts to grateful living,

and they will beat praise, upon praise, upon praise, upon praise.

With steadfast hearts, let us worship God.

*HYMN

THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN

GTG #226

by Pécselyi Király Imre

SHADES MOUNTAIN

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

One: Let us send our kids with God's love.

All: May God be with you there.

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

...for in Jesus Christ we are restored.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 PETER 2:19-25

(CEB)

TORAH READING

GENESIS 2:18-22

(CEB)

This is the good news we have received,

in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

WHEN WE MUST BEAR PERSISTENT PAIN

GTG #807

by Ruth Duck

PROSPECT

SERMON

THE WOUNDED HEALER

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

GAIL GRONWALL PAUL GRONWALL BETTY LINGLER

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

I 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**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

GTG #475

by Robert Robinson

NETTLETON

BENEDICTION

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

POSTLUDE

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.
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