



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

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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*The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is
Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands
For in the Lord we live and move and have our being.*

~ Acts 17

~ 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

Our God gathers us here.

**We have been tested, we have suffered,
but God has brought us through.**

Come, let us tell of what God has done for us!

**We cried aloud to God,
and God listened and answered.**

Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

GTG #12

by Walter Chalmers Smith

ST. DENIO

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

LITANY OF SENDING

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Alleluia! **Praise be to God.**



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

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:15-21

(NRSV)

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

HYMN

THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST

GTG #824

by Cleland Boyd McAfee

MC AFEE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 17:22-31

(NRSV)

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

SERMON

Amber Balista

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*adapted from the Confession of 1967*)

Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

GTG #735

by Annie S. Hawks

NEED

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE



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