

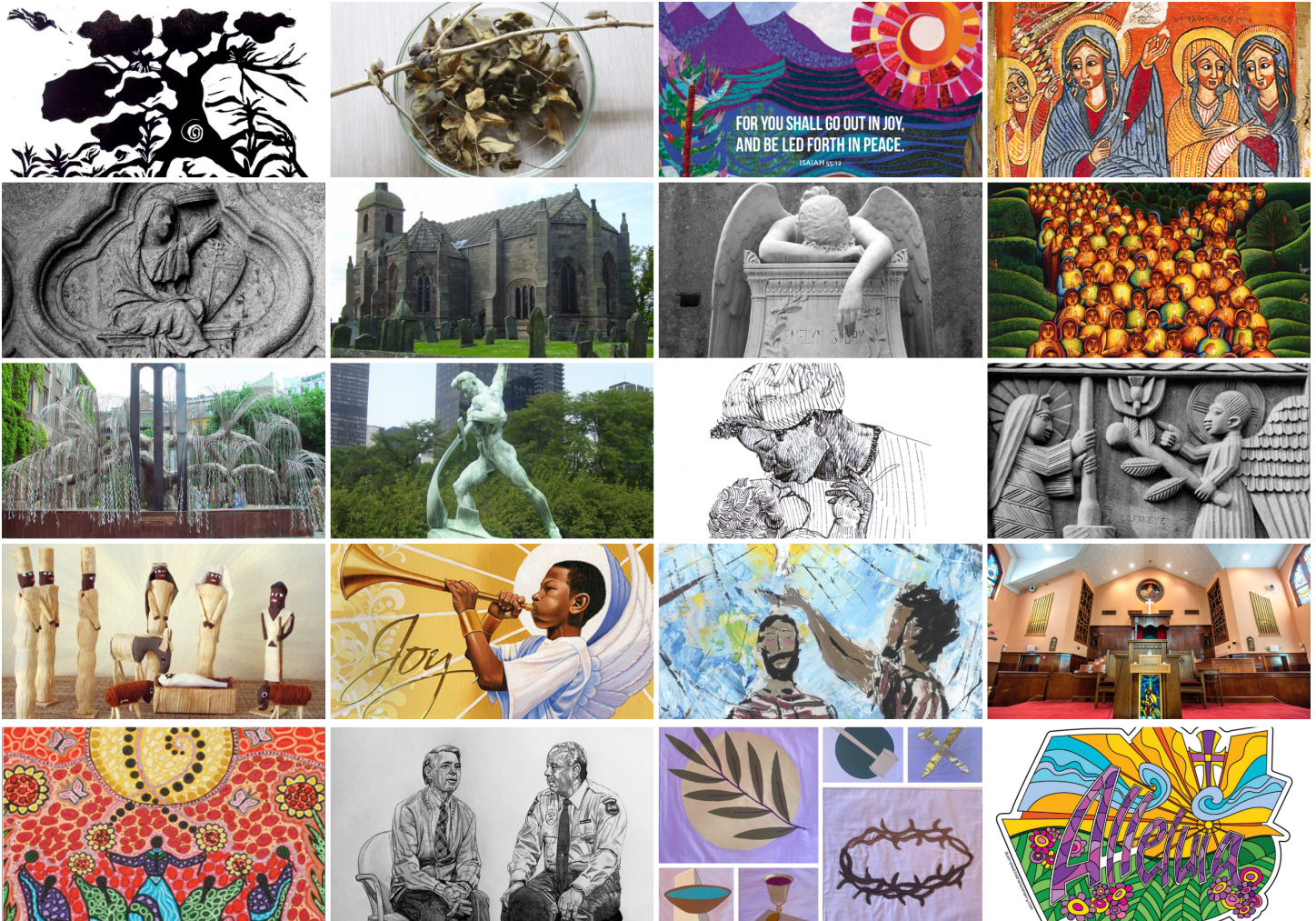


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Proverbs 16:3

PROGRAM YEAR CELEBRATION

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 21, 2023



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*Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.
The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.*

~ Proverbs 16: 3, 9

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Proverbs 16:3)*

Commit your work to the Lord, **and your plans will be established.**

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 36)*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness, O God, spreads to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the great deep.

How precious is your active love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

We feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and establish the ways of the faithful of heart.

Come, let us commit our worship to God.

*HYMN

SOFT RAINS OF SPRING FLOW

GTG #680

by Jong Rack Im

PCOCS

CHILDREN OF GOD

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory.

Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

BE NOT AFRAID

GTG #243

Taizé Community and Jacques Berthier

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

***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 (Refrain)

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 1:1-14

(NRSV)

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

***HYMN**

MAY GOD SUPPORT YOU ALL YOUR DAYS

GTG #548

by David Gambrell

DICKINSON COLLEGE

HEBREW BIBLE

PROVERBS 16:1-9, 18-20

(NRSV)

SERMON

RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME

GTG #701

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SANCTUARY

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

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

Already God's reign is present as an agitation in the world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(continued from previous page)*

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

“Now to God 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

~ ***SENDING*** ~

***HYMN**

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

GTG #693

by Hal H. Hopson

GIFT OF LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE



Today's liturgy has been adapted from various worship services from this program year. 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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