



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 2023 / Proper 5



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Joe Stern, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

Travel suddenly opens the windows of the soul to the reality of God in other people.

~ Eric James

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Psalm 33)*

Rejoice in the Lord, sing to God a new song.
For the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 33)*

With a word from God, the heavens are born.

Let us sing to God a new song!

God sings creation with the melody of love and the rhythms of grace.

Let us sing to God a new song!

So, break out the drums and the harps; make trumpets and cymbals shout.

Let us sing to God a new song!

Let melody and rhythm join all the voices of God's people.

Let us sing to God a new song!

Only the song of love, only the rhythms of grace,
can help us, can save us, can free us, can liven our hearts.

Let the world dance!

Come, let us worship God with a new song.

*HYMN

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

GTG #157

by Sydney Carter

LORD OF THE DANCE

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Matthew 9)*

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, but we are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen. [*Silent Confession.*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thank be to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

INSTRUMENTAL

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

(The Call of Matthew)

TORAH READING

GENESIS 11:27-12:1-9

(The Call of Abram)

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

SERMON

ABRAM WENT

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE
by Frances Ridley Havergal

GTG #697
HENDON

TEACHER APPRECIATION

NANCY BAIR
PAT CLARK
GAIL GRONWALL
SUE LENNY
RYAN SMITH
LEE MCGOVERN (AND THE MISSION TEAM)
SARAH MANSBERY (CE CO-MODERATOR)
JOE STERN (CE CO-MODERATOR)

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

ANNELIESE KINKAID
KYLE MCGOVERN
SAM CODDINGTON
KRISTIANA MAE DULAR
JAMES JOSEPH DULAR

*If you have a graduation to celebrate in your family, please send in to the office by
June 22 for inclusion in the July Towerbell.*

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*RESPONSE DOXOLOGY GTG #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

~ ***SENDING*** ~

*HYMN OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART GTG #452
by Paul Baloche

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN GTG #541
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH) *Verse 1*

POSTLUDE



NEXT WEEK: HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship*,
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