



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*July 9, 2023 / Proper 9*



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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Kindness is love in disguise. ~ Terry Prachett*

~ **GATHERING** ~

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(from Song of Songs 2:11-12)*

For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

**The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come.**

**PRELUDE**

**PROLOGUE / MAIN TITLE**

from Fiddler on the Roof

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 45: An Ode for a Royal Wedding)*

My heart overflows with a goodly theme.

**Grace is poured upon your lips;**

**therefore God has blessed you forever.**

In your majesty ride on for the cause of truth and to defend the right.

**Your throne, O God endures forever and ever.**

You love righteousness and hate wickedness.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you.**

I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;

**therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.**

Come let us worship God.

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

**\*HYMN**

**PEACE LIKE A RIVER**

GTG #623

Performed by Elizabeth Mitchell

**\*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions can cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]***

**\*RESPONSE**

KYRIE

**\*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**

**WEDDING DANCE**  
from Fiddler on the Roof

**MINUTE FOR FRIENDSHIP**

*~ THE WORD ~*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**MATTHEW 11:25-30**

(NRSV)

**TORAH READING**

**GENESIS 24**

(Select Verses)

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SABBATH PRAYER**  
from Fiddler on the Roof

**SERMON**

**REBEKAH FILLED HER JAR**



~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

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

Faith is the gift of God:

**Faith is a pure gift of God which God alone through grace gives.**

Faith efficacious and active:

**The apostle Paul calls faith efficacious and active through love. It also quiets the conscience and opens a free access to God, so that we may draw near to the Lord with confidence and may obtain what is useful and necessary. The same faith keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience in adversity, fashions and makes a true confession, and in a word, brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works.**

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ **SENDING** ~

**\*HYMN**

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT  
by Peter Scholtes

GTG #300

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF (MEDLEY)  
Itzhak Perlman and the Los Angeles Philharmonic  
conducted by Gustavo Dudamel

NEXT WEEK: JACOB TRICKED

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