



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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## HYMN SING WORSHIP

*Sunday, September 3, 2023*



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*And all meet in singing, which braids together the different knowings  
into a wide and subtle music, the music of living. ~ Alison Croggon*

## ~ *GATHERING* ~

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Ephesians 5:18-19)*

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns:  
**singing melody to the Lord in our hearts.**

**\*PRELUDE HYMN**                      *[See Insert for Requests]*                      GLORY TO GOD

*For Each Hymn, we will ask for requests. Shout them out by Hymn Name when directed.  
Please refer to the bulletin insert to choose requests.*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Based on Psalm 105)*

O give thanks and call on the name of the Holy One,  
**make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God;  
**sing of all the wonderful works of the Lord.**

Glory be in God's holy name;  
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Seek the Holy One, seek the strength of the Lord;  
**seek God's presence continually.**

O give thanks and call on the name of the Holy One,  
**sing of all the wonderful works of the Lord.**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**                                      *[See Insert for Requests]*                                      GLORY TO GOD

#### **\*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, instead of doing good, we go our own way. Forgive us. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. Amen.** *[Silent Confession.]*

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Thanks 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 16:13-20

(NRSV)

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

**HYMN**

*[See Insert for Requests]*

GLORY TO GOD

**HEBREW BIBLE**

EXODUS 3: 1-15

(NRSV)

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

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

**HYMN**

*[See Insert for Requests]*

GLORY TO GOD

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*John Wesley's Rules for Singing*)

**Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing God more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this *attend strictly to the sense of what you sing*, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when the Lord comes in the clouds of heaven.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RESPONSE

LORD, PREPARE ME

GTG #701

by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SANCTUARY

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

~ *SENDING* ~

\*HYMN

*[See Insert for Requests]*

GLORY TO GOD

### BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE HYMN

*[See Insert for Requests]*

GLORY TO GOD

### NEXT WEEK:

## RALLY DAY KICKOFF AND FESTIVAL

*Adult Ed – 9:30am*

*(Choir will begin Sunday, September 24)*

*Children's Sunday School – During Worship*

*Rally Day Cookout & Festival – After worship*

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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.