





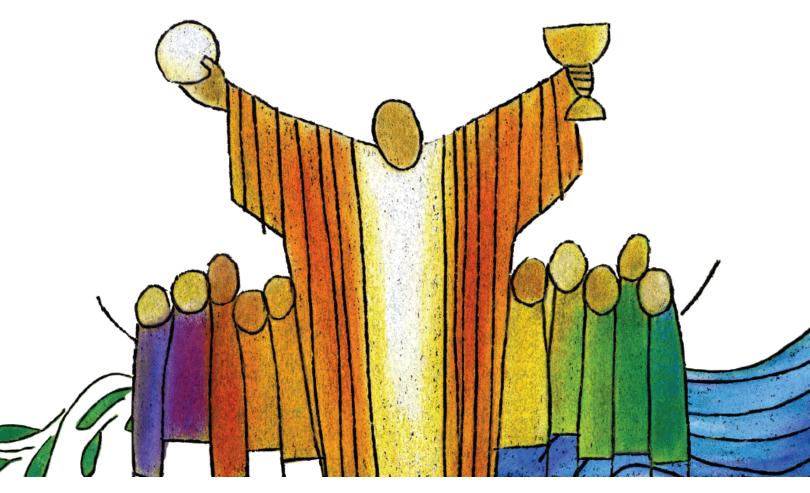


# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 2023 (Proper 21)



C.J. Briggs, Music Director Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary Nancy Jermann, Liturgist Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

LISTEN carefully, my child, to God's word, and incline the ear of your heart.

~ The Rule of Benedict

# ~ GATHERING ~

We are called to worship with the church bells.

#### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Matthew 13:16 & Romans 10:17)

Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear.

For faith comes by listening.

\*GATHERING

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

GTG #456

Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

Refrain x2

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia)

We gather from the west to the east,

from the south to the north,

to celebrate the God of peace

who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name!

Come, let us worship God.

\*HYMN

COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM

GTG #174

by Ruth Duck

MADELEINE

CHILDREN OF GOD.

PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN

by Helen Caswell

# POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

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

\*Prayer of Confession (Arabic, Jameel Maher Khadir, Jerusalem and the Holy Land)

Gracious Lord, in Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen. [Silent Confession]

GTG #551 LAND OF REST

\*Assurance of Pardon (by Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe, Shona and English, adaptation of "A Non-Traditional Blessing" by Sister Ruth Fox)

Mwari wedu, Our God who is

Musiki wedu, Our Creator God

Nyadenga wedu, Our Heavenly Father

...Muzita raBaba, nere Mwanakomana, nere Mweya Mutsvene.

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (Isaiah 52:7)

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

MINUTE FOR SOWING

IPC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

# ~ LISTENING TO THE WORD ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** (Magdaléna Trgalová, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren)

HEBREW BIBLE

PROVERBS 2

(SELECT VERSES)

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 13:10-17, 31-33

(NRSV)

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

For faith comes by listening.

**SERMON** 

LEAVEN

# ~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed: Presbyterian Mission Agency Video)

\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

\*RESPONSE

**DOXOLOGY** 

GTG #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**HYMN** THEE WE ADORE, O HIDDEN SAVIOR, THEE GTG #495 by Thomas Aquinas, trans. James Russell Woodford (ADORO TE DEVOTE)

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Presbyterian Peacemaking: International Peacemakers)

#### **COMMUNION**

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# ~ GOING FORTH ~

\*HYMN

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE by Clara H. Scott

GTG #451

# \*BENEDICTION

How are we to proclaim unless we are sent:

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!

# **POSTLUDE**

Know that you are loved by God and go forth to sow the Good News of God's love and peace.

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