

# Sow Good News

*"Faith comes by listening." (Romans 10:17)*



**INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN**  
THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

*October 29, 2023 (Proper 25)*



*Edinburgh, Photo by Don Lenny*

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

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*"Prayers are tools not for doing or getting, but for being and becoming."*

~ Eugene Peterson

~ **CRUINNEACHADH** ~

(SCOTS GAELIC: "GATHERING")

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**GATHERING**

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING  
Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

GTG #456  
*Refrain x2*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Isaiah 43:19 & Romans 10:17*)

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you hear it?

**For faith comes by listening.**

**PRELUDE**

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE  
*Scottish Gaelic: Alba an Aigh*

Jim Brennan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 90*)

O Lord, you have been our home through every generation.

Before the birth of the world, before the mountain ranges,

**forever to forever, you are always God.**

In your eyes, a thousand years are like a day just gone.

**So teach us how to count our days. Make our hearts wise.**

**Every morning, fill us up with your lovingkindness.**

Let us sing with gladness all of our days.

**Come to us, Lord!**

Give us as much joy as the trouble we've seen.

**Show our children your glory!**

Let your sweetness rest on us and when we create,

**be the firm foundation of everything our hands make.**

Come, let the generations worship God.

**\*HYMN**

SOURCE AND SOVEREIGN, ROCK AND CLOUD  
by Thomas H. Troeger

GTG #11  
ABERYSTWYTH

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

PSALMS OF WONDER  
POEMS FROM THE BOOK OF SONGS

by Carey Wallace  
illustrated by Khoa Le

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM**

GOD IS SO GOOD  
Anon.

GTG #658

## POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 51*)

Have mercy on me, Lord, because your love never fails. Wash away my crimes and wipe out my mistakes. I know what I've done. I know it was wrong. And you know what is right: you are the only true judge. So wash me till I'm bright. Give me your wisdom. Create a pure heart in me. Make my spirit strong and true. Give me joy! Come to my rescue! Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

### \*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 30*)

All God's people, join in! God's anger lasts just a moment.  
**God's delight in us last all our lives. Thanks be to God!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 34*)

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

### MINUTE FOR SOWING

MISSION TEAM

~ *AM FACAL* ~

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 19*)

### THE PROPHETS ISAIAH 43:16-19; JEREMIAH 29:11-13

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
**For faith comes by listening.**

### WORD

GOD'S GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS

GTG #690

by Carl P. Daw Jr; Scottish Melody YE BANKS AND BRAES

### GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

(*The Message*)

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

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### SERMON

THE POETRY OF FAITH

~ *A' FREAGAIRT AIR AN FHACAL* ~

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Adapted from the Scots Confession*)



As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk.

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion of saints. To God be the glory to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 24*)

\*RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Psalms of Wonder, Psalm 95*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *A' CUR* ~

\*HYMN

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

GTG #459

by William Walsham How

MUNICH

\*BENEDICTION

How are we to proclaim unless we are sent:

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

POSTLUDE

AMAZING GRACE

Jim Brennan

*Scottish Gaelic: Gràs Iongantach*

*Please stay and come break bread with us at our Reformation Potluck.*

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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; *Psalms of Wonder* by Carey Wallace