

Sow Good News

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



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN
THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Witness to the Resurrection ~ November 5, 2023



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*Blessed is the time they were given and the time you now have.
Whether in life or in death, love is the greatest, most stubborn truth.*

~ Kate Bowler, A Blessing for this Grief-Stricken Life

~ *GATHERING* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING
Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

GTG #456
Refrain x2

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Isaiah 45:3 & Romans 10:17*)

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, who call you by your name.

For faith comes by listening.

PRELUDE

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*All who have lost someone this year are invited, as you feel called, to
come forward during the prelude and help the pastor pour the waters.*

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** (*based on Romans 6:3-5*)

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that,
**as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.**

For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth:
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life:
We praise you.

Holy Spirit author and giver of life:
We worship you.

***HYMN**

O LORD MY GOD
by Stuart K. Hine

GTG #625
HOW GREAT THOU ART

CHILDREN OF GOD

One: Let us send our children with God's love:

All: **May God be with you there.**

Kids: May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever:

**we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love;
to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept
forgiveness.**

**We acknowledge our fear in the face of death and our failure to
accept the hope you offer us in Christ.**

**Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence,
we make our confession to you.**

[Silent Confession]

**Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others;
heal us from the pain of self-condemnation;
free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected;
renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been
forgiven. Amen.**

*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.

MINUTE FOR SOWING

DEACON BOARD

~ *THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

(NRSV)

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

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 14:1-6, 25-27

(NRSV)

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HOMILY

LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** (*Apostles' Creed*)

**I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to
the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

~ *IN LOVING MEMORY* ~

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. **Lord, have mercy.**

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise. You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world. **Christ, have mercy.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic apostolic church. For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

Grant us peace.



COMMEMORATIONS

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism. Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross. Clothe us in compassion and love. Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

Hear us, O God.

~ *EUCCHARIST* ~

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

IN THE GARDEN
by C. Austin Miles

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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.

SANCTUS

Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of every time and place, singing...

Holy, 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.

COMMUNION

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

*HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS
by William Washam How

GTG #326
SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

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In Loving Memory...

*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;
so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."*

Roman 14:8

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CLYDE SCOTT

SAM TRAINA

MARY HELEN ULLMAN

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints. ~ Ephesians 1:15

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