

Sow Good News



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

Go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. (Jeremiah 18:2)

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN

Reception of New Member (Third Sunday of Lent: March 3, 2024)



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

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*Dance with me, God. Show me the pleasures in the everyday loveliness of the world You created.
Reveal what delights I can share, and the sadness I can ease. Do it again, Lord. Fill my heart with
love for life and for others. That's where it starts, right where joy and sorrow meet.*

~ Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Jeremiah 18:2*)

BETTY LINGLER

Come down to the potter's house,
and there I will let you hear my words.

*GATHERING

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD
by Eddie Espinosa

GTG #695

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 19, TOGETHER WE PRAY*)

MADLINE WATESKA

As the sun blazes a path through the sky,
set our hearts on fire for your way, Holy One.

As the stars soften the world at night,
let our words whisper the wisdom of God.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts;
let the food of this table and our days together;
let our laughter and tears; our play and our studies,
let our hopes and our dreams, our loves and our lives
be acceptable to you, Holy God,
our rock and redeemer.

*HYMN

HERE IN THIS PLACE
by Marty Haugen

GTG #401

GATHER US IN

CHILDREN OF GOD

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalms 19, PSALMS OF WONDER*)

SUE SAUNDERS

Awe for God is pure and outlasts all time. God's justice is true, and all God's laws are right. They're better than the purest gold or honey straight from the comb. But can anybody see all their own mistakes? Keep me from the hidden ones I don't know I make. Don't let me choose to break your law. Don't let evil rule me. May these words from my mouth and the music that rings through my heart please you when you see them, O God, who rescues me. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LAMB OF GOD
Trad. liturgical text

GTG #603
AGNUS DEI (Vasile)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Jeremiah 18:6*)

ANNIE SIEBERT

Thus, says the Lord: Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so you are in my hand. **In the potter's hands we are reformed. Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

~ LISTENING TO THE WORD ~

SACRED ENCOUNTERS

KAREN SHALLCROSS

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

BARB CSUTI

HEBREW BIBLE

1 KINGS 17:8-24

v. CEB

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 2:1-12

NANCY JERMANN

Come down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.
For faith comes by listening.

SERMON

BROKEN AND ABUNDANT

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

BETH POLANSKY

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

CONNIE SMITH

***RESPONSE** FOR THE LIFE THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN
by Carl P. Daw Jr.

GTG #717
PLEADING SAVIOR

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY
by Sylvia G. Dunstan

GTG #509
HOLY MANNA

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up 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, 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ GOING FORTH ~

***HYMN** BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!
by Fanny Jane Crosby

GTG #839
ASSURANCE

***BENEDICTION** (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord:

Plans for welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

POSTLUDE