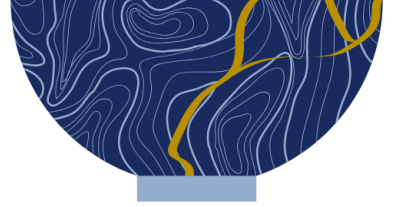


# Sow Good News



*"We have this treasure in clay jars." (2 Corinthians 4:7)*



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

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 5, 2024*



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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*If we incarnate the way God has called us, the future of the church will be what it will be.*

~ Neighborhood Church

## ~ GATHERING ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Romans 10:17)*

We listen, we listen for the word of the Lord.

**For faith comes by listening.**

### \*GATHERING

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING  
Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

GTG #456  
*Refrain x2*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Isaiah 52)*

For thus says the Lord our God,

**my people shall know that it is I who speak:**

How beautiful upon the hills are the feet of the messenger:

**who proclaims peace,**

**who spreads good news,**

**who preaches love,**

**who says: "Your God lives!"**

Listen! The sentries lift their voices:

**Together we sing out for joy**

Depart! Depart, go out from here,

**all those who carry the light of God.**

You shall not go out in haste,

**for the Holy One will go before those who bring good news.**

Come, let us worship God.



### \*HYMN

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH  
by William Williams

GTG #65  
CWM RHONDDA

*Sunday School children can make their way up to the chancel during the third verse of the hymn.*

*Kids will come back to the sanctuary in time for the baptism later in the service.*

### LITANY OF SENDING

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

**Kids: May God be with you here.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Matthew 13)*

Master Gardener, we walk among weeds and wheat, oftentimes unaware of the difference between good and evil. Help us discern your will and your way. Guide our feet as we walk and work in the garden of your world. Nurture us in your good soil. May our lives contribute to your kin-dom to come. May our toil support the growth of your harvest. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

**\*RESPONSE** CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN GTG #557  
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Roberts)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Romans 5)*

God has forgiven us that we might live according to the Spirit.  
**The Spirit of God dwells within us. Thanks be to God!**

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

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



~ **LISTENING TO THE WORD** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON** MATTHEW 13:18-23 (CEB)

**EPISTLE READING** ROMANS 10:8-17 (CEB)

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

**SERMON** FAITH COMES BY LISTENING

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

**\*HYMN** BAPTIZED IN WATER GTG #482  
by Michael J. Saward BUNESSAN

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

**POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (*see Insert*)

**BRYNN SARAH JEAN BUTLER**

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*ALLELUIA**                      HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!                      GTG #591  
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell (Refrain)

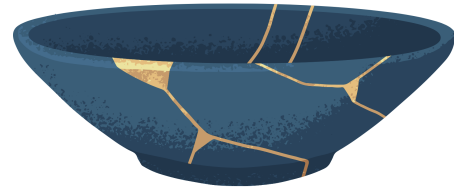
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**



**~ GOING FORTH ~**

**\*HYMN**                      I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY                      GTG #488  
by John C. Ylvisaker                      WATERLIFE

**\*BENEDICTION**

How are we to proclaim unless we are sent:  
**How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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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**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:  
BRYNN SARAH JEAN BUTLER**

**PRESENTATION**

There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE BAPTISM**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING**

**WELCOME**