



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP IN ELMWOOD PARK

3rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 9, 2024



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We need holistic rest—physical, psychological, and spiritual. Worship and bodily rest are wrapped up together. We learn the rhythms of spiritual rest through worship.

~ Tish Harrison Warren

~ **GATHERING** ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Genesis 2:3*)

So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
for on that day **God rested.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 92: A Song from the Sabbath Day*)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
To the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the stringed instrument.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy!

HYMN

GUIDE MY FEET

GTG #741

*(1) Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)
(2) Hold my hand... (3) Stand by me...
(4) I'm your child... (5) Search my heart...*

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Based on Isaiah 58*)

God of the sabbath, we bring to you our sins. Day after day we seek you, and delight to know your ways. But we fail to practice righteousness, we forsake your instructions. Instead of loosening the bonds of injustice, we serve our own interests; instead of share your bread with the hungry, we quarrel and fight. Forgive us. Guide us. Help us to honor your holy day, to delight in the sabbath. Amen.

RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

~ *THE WORD* ~

CHILDREN OF GOD**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****HEBREW BIBLE**

DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15

(NRSV)

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 2:23-28

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

GTG #616

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

SERMON

KEEP SABBATH

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD* ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20)*

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy.

Six days you may work and do all your tasks, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Do not do any work on it—not you, your sons or daughters, your male or female servants, your animals, or the immigrant who is living with you.

Because the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything that is in them in six days, but rested on the seventh day.

That is why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE GOD IS SO GOOD GTG #658 (*Verse 1*)

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE GTG #837

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

(REFRAIN) *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (REFRAIN)
What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (REFRAIN)*

BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN GTG #541
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH) *Verse 1*

*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE