



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Sunday, June 16, 2024*



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*Most Germans took the union of Christianity, nationalism, and militarism for granted, and patriotic sentiments were equated with Christian truth. The German Christians exalted the rule of Hitler as God's will for the German people.*

~ Book of Confessions (PCUSA)

## ~ GATHERING ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(John 14:6)*

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.

**No one comes to the Father except through me.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Psalm 138, from Together We Pray)*

We give you thanks, glorious one,  
**for your mercy endures forever.**

May all the rulers on earth bow to your steadfast love.

**may the whole world praise the work of your hands.**

You lift the lowly and humble the haughty.

**You strengthen the weak and exhaust the mighty.**

You deliver the troubled and plague the powerful.

**We bow down in praise to you, loving God,**

and pray your ways are fulfilled in all places.

**May your steadfast love endure forever.**

Come, let us worship God.

### \*HYMN

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GTG #634

by Fanny Jane Crosby

### POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Liturgies from Below by Cláudio Carvalhaes)*

**God of perfect love, you invite us to ask for living water, water that satisfies our thirst. You are that living water poured out for us. We confess that we seek to quench our thirst in other ways. We drink deeply, choosing these tempting waters that turn to fear in our bellies. We confess that rather than turning to you, we set out to be brave. We try to force out fear by casting out others. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Lord, give us the courage to drink deeply of your love. Strengthen us to practice love in your world. Fill us with living water until it overflows. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]***

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*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.**

**MINUTE FOR OUTREACH**

IPC DIRECTORY

**~ THE WORD ~**

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 10:1-10

(THE MESSAGE)

**HEBREW BIBLE**

I SAMUEL 8

*(Select Verses)*

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

**HYMN**

O HOLY CITY, SEEN OF JOHN  
by Walter Russell Bowie

GTG #374  
MORNING SONG

**SERMON**

THE IDOL OF RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.09-8.12)*

In view of the errors of the "German Christians" of the present Reich Church government which are devastating the Church and are also thereby breaking up the unity of the German Evangelical Church, we confess the following evangelical truths:

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Continued*)

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.”** (John 14:6)

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”** (John 10:1, 9)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation. Amen.

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*~ SENDING ~*

**\*HYMN**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME  
by Edward Perronet and John Rippon

GTG #263  
CORONATION

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN  
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

GTG #541  
*Verse 1*

**POSTLUDE**

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