



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Sunday, June 30, 2024*



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

Colin Barker, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*The humility of Christ is not the moderation of keeping one's exact place in the scale of being, but rather that of absolute dependence on God and absolute trust in him. ...*

*The secret of the meekness and the gentleness of Christ lies in his relation to God.*

~ H. Richard Niebuhr

## ~ GATHERING ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Matthew 20:26,28)*

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

**Just as the Human One came not to be served but to serve.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from TOGETHER WE PRAY, based on Psalm 25)*

O God of Israel,

**we give you thanks for your steadfast love,**

for the grace that is so old, so sure, and so good

**that we bow humbled.**

The distressed you deliver. The forgotten, you remember.

**The lonely, you befriend. The burdened heart, you relieve.**

The lost, you guide. The sinner, you forgive.

**The vulnerable, you guard. The captured, you free.**

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### \*HYMN

SEEK YE FIRST

GTG #175

by Karen Lafferty

LAFFERTY

### POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(excerpts from Psalm 25)*

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness. Good and upright is the Lord, who instructs sinners in the way. God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble the way. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]***

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Psalm 25)*

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 20:20-28

*Pew Bible p.21 (NT)*

**HEBREW BIBLE**

2 SAMUEL 6

*Pew Bible p.267 (OT)*

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

**HYMN**

BY GRACIOUS POWERS  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

GTG #818  
INTERCESSOR

**SERMON**

HUMBLE SERVANT LEADERSHIP

~ ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD*** ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.19-8.21)*

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” (Matt. 20:25, 26).

... we confess the following evangelical truths:

**The various offices in the church do not establish a dominion of some over the others; on the contrary, they are for the exercise of the ministry entrusted to and enjoined upon the whole congregation.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, apart from this ministry, could and were permitted to give to itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

SINCE OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, CHRIST JESUS  
by Christopher M. Idle

GTG #262

ALL SAINTS

BENEDICTION

\*SENDING

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

GTG #541

*Verse 1*

POSTLUDE

### *Coming up in July:*

July 4: Office closed for Independence Day

July 5-July 14: Rev. Wigger on Vacation

Sunday, July 7: Worship with communion, Rev. Matt Bauhof

Sunday, July 14: Rev. Luke Choi

Saturday, July 20: Habitat for Humanity Run/Walk/Mosey

Tuesday, July 23: PW Movie Afternoon

Sunday, July 28: Friendship Day (Invite-a-Friend to Church)

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