



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*July 7, 2024*



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Rev. Matt Bauhof, Guest Preacher

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

~ Psalm 46

~ **GATHERING** ~

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*2 Corinthians 1:3-4*)

Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus, who comforts us in all our trouble.  
**We offer the same comfort that we ourselves receive from God.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the way is difficult and dangerous

**May we feel God near us**

When evil comes to break us down and break us apart

**May we find God with us**

When earthly powers strike fear in our hearts

**May we allow God upon us**

For we know that the love and power of God,  
which abides in us, will not be overcome

**Come, let us worship God.**

**\*HYMN**

MY LIFE FLOWS ON

GTG #821

by Robert Lowry (HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING)

**POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When the way is difficult and dangerous:**

**Why do we so often pretend you aren't there?**

**When evil comes to break us down and break us apart:**

**Why do we turn to worldly things?**

**When earthly powers strike fear in our hearts:**

**Why do we believe we should do it on our own?**

**For we know that the love and power of God, which abides in us, will not be overcome. 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.**

*~ THE WORD ~*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 11:25-30

*Pew Bible p.11 (NT)*

**HEBREW BIBLE**

PSALM 46

*Pew Bible p.489 (OT)*

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Matthew Bauhof

*~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.11-12)*

...we confess the following evangelical truths:

**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**

~ *EUCHARIST* ~

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

YOU ARE MY STRENGTH WHEN I AM WEAK

GTG #519

by Dennis L. Jernigan

JERNIGAN

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.**

SANCTUS

...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.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST

GTG #824

by Cleland Boyd McAfee

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BENEDICTION

\*SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

*Verse 1*

POSTLUDE

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