



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024



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Rev. Luke Choi, Guest Preacher

We have all received grace upon grace.

~ John 1:16

~ **GATHERING** ~

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*John 1:14*)

And the Word became flesh and lived among us:
We have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from TOGETHER WE PRAY, based on Psalm 65*)

O God of our salvation,
you are the hope of the earth,
the strength of the mountains,
the joy of morning and night.

Valleys and meadows sing for you;
hills and meadows shout;
streams and rivers overflow with praise.

Let it rain down.

Let blessings flow everywhere.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

GTG #463

American folk melody

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us, God. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen.

[Silent Confession.]

***INSTRUMENTAL**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

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

HEBREW BIBLE

PSALM 65

Pew Bible p.499 (OT)

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

INSTRUMENTAL

AMAZING GRACE

GTG #649

by John Newton

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1:14-16

Pew Bible p.86 (NT)

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SERMON

THE PURPOSE OF GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT GRACE

Rev. Choi

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.13-8.15)*

...we confess the following evangelical truths:

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *SENDING* ~

HYMN

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

GTG #307

by Harry Emerson Fosdick

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION

*SENDING

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE

Upcoming

Saturday, July 20 – Habitat Run/Walk/Mosey

Sunday, July 28 – Invite-a-Friend to Church