



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Far from making us reevaluate our beliefs, external opposition...tends to make us dig our heels in even more. ~ Kathryn Schulz

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Ephesians 4:16-16)*

Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into the head:
Into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from TOGETHER WE PRAY, based on Psalm 51)*

Have mercy, O God, have mercy upon us today.

Without your presence we fall apart.

Rebuild us, Holy God, rebuild all the broken places:

in this world, in our homes, in our hearts.

May your steadfast love wash over the earth.

May your Holy Spirit refresh every broken spirit.

May your wisdom teach us the power of joy.

Rebuild us with mercy, we pray.

Open our lips and free our tongues to praise you.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

GTG #754

by Fred Kaan

BARONITA

*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(from PSALMS OF WONDER, based on Psalm 51)*

David said to Nathan: "I have sinned against the Lord"

Have mercy on us, Lord, because your love never fails. Wash away our crimes and wipe away our mistakes. You know what is right: you are the only true judge. Give me your wisdom. Create a pure heart in me. Make my spirit strong and true. Don't throw me away. Give me joy! Come to my rescue! Then I will teach your ways to others, and when they hear, they will come back to God. Open up my lips and I will give you praise. You don't want the sacrifices we bring to your table. But if our hearts are broken, and our spirits too, you will not look down on us. We can always bring them to you. Have mercy on us, Lord, because your love never fails. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin"

Hear the good news: 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.

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

EPHESIANS 4:1-6, 11-16

Pew Bible p.182 (NT)

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

IN AN AGE OF TWISTED VALUES

GTG #345

by Martin E. Leckebusch

BEACH SPRING (GTG#490)

HEBREW BIBLE

II SAMUEL 12 (*Select Verses*)

Pew Bible p.272 (OT)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

TRUTH IN LOVE

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.16-18*)

3. "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body [is] joined and knit together."

(*Eph. 4:15, 16.*)

...we confess the following evangelical truths:

