



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence



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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 25, 2024



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

Betty Lingler, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Wisdom, wisdom born of love and suffering is a gift
that comes from and with the God we seek. ~ Maggie Ross*

~ **GATHERING** ~

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.
Congregation is invited to read the liturgy in bold.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Proverbs 2:6)*

For the Lord gives wisdom;
from the mouth of **God come knowledge and understanding**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Proverbs 2: The Value of Wisdom)*

Children of God, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,
**making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;**

if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
**then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.**

For the Lord gives wisdom;
from the mouth of God come knowledge and understanding.

**Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;**

for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

BE THOU MY VISION
Irish Poem

GTG #450
SLANE

CHILDREN OF GOD INVITATION TO RALLY DAY!

*Sunday, September 8 will be the kickoff Sunday for our program year,
and we will have a Rally Day festival and potluck after worship.*

If you have an activity idea please let Pastor David know.

You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck as you are able.

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires.

Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. [*Silent Confession.*]

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 1:15-23

Pew Bible p.181 (NT)

HYMN

IN MY LIFE

GTG #468

by Bob Kilpatrick

HEBREW BIBLE

I KINGS 3:3-15

Pew Bible p.292 (OT)

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

BE MINDFUL

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.28*)

...we confess the following evangelical truths:

The Confessional Synod of the German Evangelical Church declares that it sees in the acknowledgment of these truths and in the rejection of these errors the indispensable theological basis of the German Evangelical Church as a federation of Confessional churches. It invites all who are able to accept its declaration to be mindful of these theological principles in their decisions in church politics. It entreats all whom it concerns to return to the unity of faith, love, and hope.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN**

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

GTG #254

by The Venerable Bede

DEO GRACIAS

BENEDICTION

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE

Upcoming

Sept 1 – Hymn Sing (Outdoor Worship)

Sept 8 – Rally Day and Festival – Potluck after Worship