

Nurture Good News

"For all of you share in God's grace." (Philippians 1:7)



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024



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The following habits develop within us a love of God, neighbor and Creation:

*Prayer, Generosity, Sacraments, Worship,
Teaching, Justice, Fellowship and Radical Welcome*

~ from 8 HABITS OF EVANGELISM

~ **GATHERING TOGETHER** ~

PRELUDE

Op.68 No. 2

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from Hebrews 11:1, Philippians 1:7)*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

For all of us share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

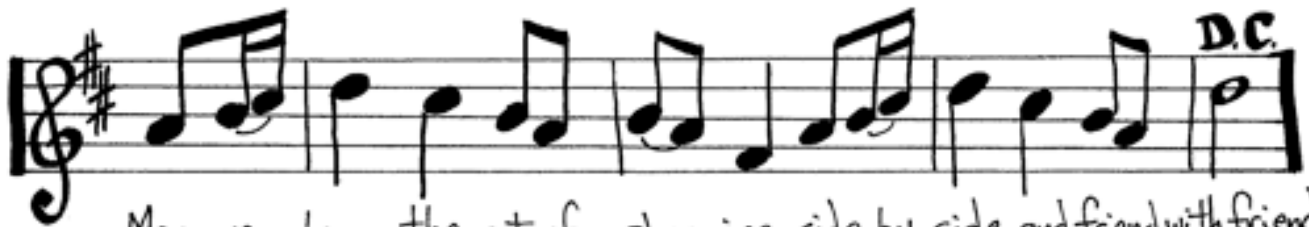
GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1



Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice called to min-is-tries of grace,
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
e-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's chosen end.



May we learn the art of shar-ing side by side and friend with friend.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 1)*

Blessed are those who delight in the instruction of the Lord,

And meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Which yield their fruit in its season.

Nurtured by the rivers of the Lord,

Their leaves do not wither.

For the Lord watches over our ways.

Let us worship the Lord, our source of wisdom and strength.

***HYMN**

LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK

GTG #722

by Frances Ridley Havergal

CANONBURY

CHILDREN OF GOD THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

LITANY OF SENDING

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be a faithful church. We have not done your will, we have broken your word, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful faithfulness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

KYRIE ELEISON Russian Orthodox Chant
sung by Tisbury Parish Choir

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Philippians 1:6-7)*

Believe the good news: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Isaiah 52:7)*

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

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ **SHARING IN THE GOSPEL** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 2:42-47

Pew Bible p.112 (NT)

EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 11-12 *(select verses)*

Pew Bible p.211 (NT)

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

For all of us share in God's grace.

HYMN

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING
Kenyan

GTG #456
NENO LAKE MUNGU

SERMON

8 HABITS OF FAITH

REV. DAVID WIGGER

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from 8 Habits of Evangelism, PCUSA*)

The following habits develop within us a love of God, neighbor and Creation: **Prayer, Generosity, Sacraments, Worship, Teaching, Justice, Fellowship and Radical Welcome.**

Over time these habits change us and offer discernment and guidance for following Jesus. These habits enable us to hear God's voice over all the other voices calling out to be heard. These habits cause our hearts to break over and open to the needs of and hurt in people around us. These habits provide the words of good news to which we bear witness and proclaim. By the power of the Holy Spirit, these habits enable us to lay down our lives so that others can live.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY
by Thomas Ken

GTG #675 (*Verse 4*)
TALLIS' CANON

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
African American spiritual

GTG #729

***BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG*)

So this is my prayer: **that our love may flourish more and more.**

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

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