

# Nurture Good News

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



## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*Our prayer is that this resource will take you more deeply into God's love, the habits that change our lives and the good news that is always worth sharing.*

~ Ray Jones, from 8 HABITS OF EVANGELISM

## ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(from James 2:18, Philippians 1:7)*

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. **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-spond 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 *(from A LITURGY FOR ORDINARY RADICALS based on Psalm 90)*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning:  
**so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that we saw sorrow:  
**and the years in which we knew only trouble.**

Show your disciples your work:  
**and your splendor to their children.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us:  
**prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

**We lift our hands in praise: to say these hands are yours.**

### \*HYMN

### GOD WELCOMES ALL

GTG #399

by John L. Bell

THEMBA AMEN

### CHILDREN OF GOD

### THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

## POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

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

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]**

### \*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #579

Russian Orthodox Chant

KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

### \*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)*

#### HYMN

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

GTG #318

by John Oxenham

ST. PETER

#### EPISTLE READING

JAMES 2 (*select verses*)

*Pew Bible p.216 (NT)*

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

**For all of us share in God's grace.**

#### SERMON

8 HABITS OF GOOD WORKS

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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION  
by Samuel John Stone

GTG #321  
AURELIA

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

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

POSTLUDE

*\*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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