

# Nurture Good News

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

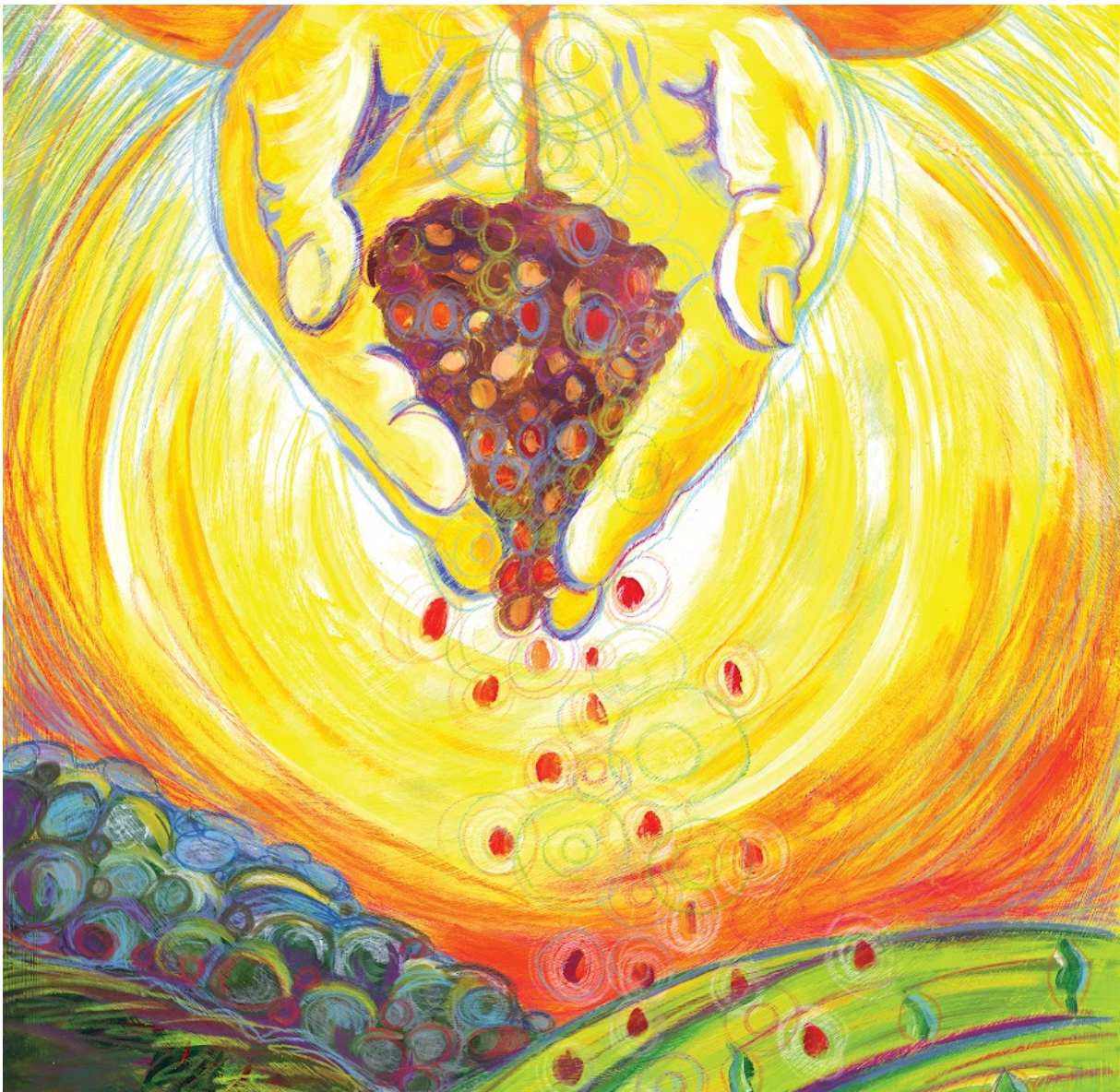


## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2024



*Ceremony is a vehicle for belonging—to a family, to a people, to a land. ...  
That, I think, is the power of ceremony: it marries the mundane to the sacred.*

~ Robin Wall Kimmerer, *BRAIDING SWEETGRASS*

## ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Philippians 1:7)*

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,  
to celebrate the God of peace. **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 Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

We gather in forms and functions as expansive as creation:

by affiliation, association, denomination, and affinity,

**in living rooms, kitchens, coffee shops, corners,**

**country churches, town-square sanctuaries, grand cathedrals,**

amid blaring speakers, bright lights, sacred windows, shiny screens,

pipes floor to ceiling, folding chairs, dripping candles,

**well-worn pews, and worn-out carpet,**

**with cymbals, bells, lyres, guitars, organs, and drums.**

Basking in the sounds of invitation. Held in welcomed silence.

**God gathers us still.**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS' NAME

GTG #510

by Bryan Jeffery Leech



THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

**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**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ 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** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**SPREAD THE WORD**

OUTREACH TEAM

~ *SHARING IN THE GOSPEL* ~



**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**EPISTLE READING**      1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

*Pew Bible p.163(NT)*

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
**For all of us share in God's grace.**

**GOSPEL READING**      JOHN 6:1-14

*Pew Bible p.91(NT)*

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**SERMON**

**GATHERED IN WORSHIP**

**REV. DAVID WIGGER**



~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

Created in the image of God, I choose to join with others as God's gathered. Loving and loved, healing and healed. Beautiful and complicated people seeking and being sought, people loved beyond our imagination by the One who beckons us forth.

Woven together in moments momentary and lingering:

to worship God,  
to know what it is to belong,  
to celebrate the jubilation of life,  
to grieve when life is loss, to lament and to confess,  
to forgive and to be forgiven,  
to worship, to pray, to march, to nap, to argue, to ponder, to weep,  
to laugh, to discern the mind of Christ and the will of God,  
to love the other,  
to affirm and proclaim that we belong to one another,  
and in turn we belong to God.

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**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** *(from Zechariah 8)*

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

**Let your hands be strong—**

you who have heard these words from the mouths of the prophets.

**For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit,  
the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew.**

I will save you and you shall be a blessing.

**Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.”**

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY  
by Thomas Ken

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

~ *EUCCHARIST* ~

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD

GTG #500

by James Montgomery

ST. FLAVIAN

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...We pray, O God, for your church as it exists in every land.

**Come, Holy Spirit, dwell in these breads and in this cup that they might be for us the body and blood of Christ. Come, dwell in your people of every land and language that we might be united with one another to be the body of Christ in every corner of the world today. Amen.**

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



~ **GOING FORTH TO NURTURE** ~

**\*HYMN**

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY  
by Fred Kaan

GTG #526  
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**\*BENEDICTION** (*from Philippians 1:7, 9, MSG; and Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow*)

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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