

Nurture Good News

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



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024



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Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

I hold out hope that when God's people gather, we are a bit like the crew that would pull up chairs at my mother's table: inviting, genuine, and always loving.

~ Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow

~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Luke 13:34 & Philippians 1:7)*

How I have desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. **For all of us share in God's grace.**

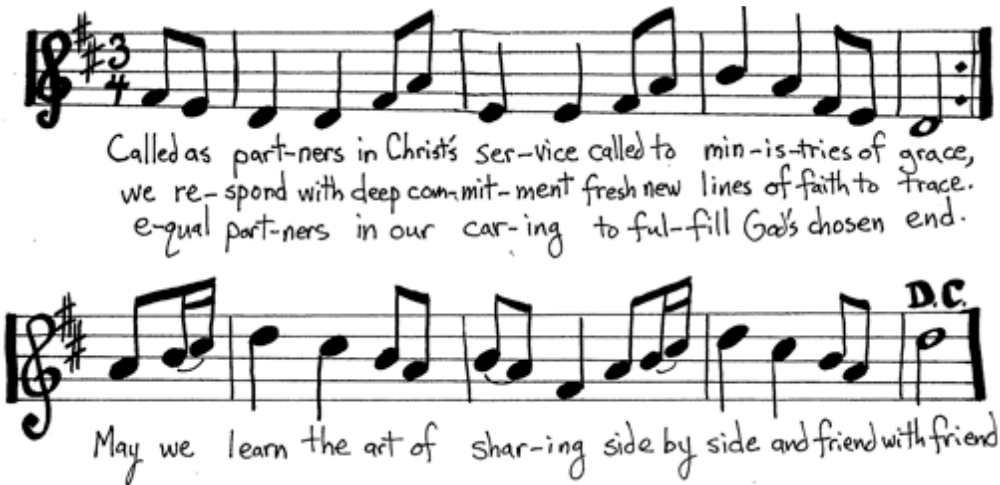
*GATHERING

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.

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*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

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

GTG #35

by Joachim Neander

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Russian Orthodox Chant

GTG #579
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

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 13:31-35

Pew Bible p.72(NT)

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

HYMN

WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE
by Frank Mason North

GTG #343
GERMANY

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-3, 18-23

Pew Bible p.160(NT)

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SERMON

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. 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**

***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 OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE
by Fred Pratt Green

GTG #320
WAREHAM

***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

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