

# Nurture Good News

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



## INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

### 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES ~ October 20, 2024*



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
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Karen Shallcross, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*What I have written to you is no woman's chit-chat, but the word of God.*

~ Argula von Grumbach (1492-c.1554)

## ~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(1 Cor. 14:26 & Philippians 1:7)*

When you come together, let all things be done for the building up.  
**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)*

Created in the image of God,  
we choose to join with others as God's gathered.

**We are the body gathered.**

Beautiful and complicated creatures seeking and being sought,  
**loved beyond our imagination by the One who beckons us forth.**

Misfits and strangers uniquely gathered like no place other.

**Gathered by love, gathered to love.**

Woven together in moments momentary and lingering  
**to worship God, to affirm and proclaim that**

**we belong to one another, and in turn we belong to God.**

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

**God gathers us still.**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

I'LL PRAISE MY MAKER  
by Isaac Watts (Psalm 146)

GTG #806  
OLD 113TH

## **POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

### **BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES**

**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  
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**

**EPISTLE READING**      1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

*Pew Bible p.165(NT)*

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

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

**HYMN**

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS  
by John Fawcett

GTG #306  
DENNIS

**GOSPEL LESSON**

MATTHEW 15:1-9

*Pew Bible p.16(NT)*

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

FOR THE BUILDING UP

REV. DAVID WIGGER

**~ TENDING THE GOOD NEWS ~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

**\*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**

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE  
by Clara H. Scott

GTG #451

**\*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**