





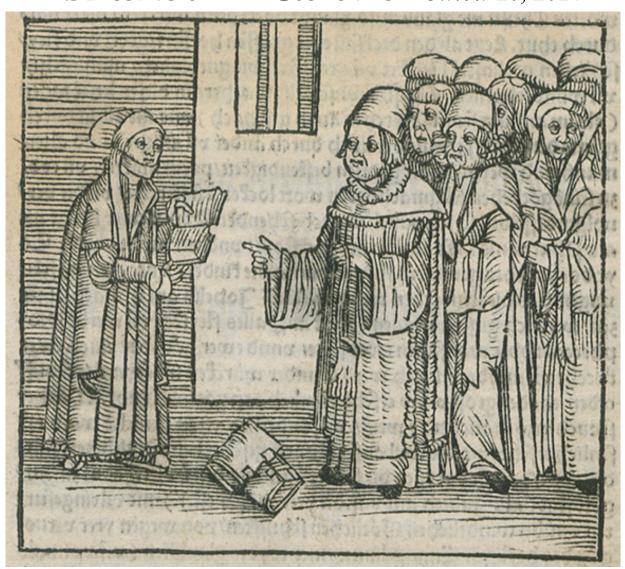


# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

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 Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary 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.

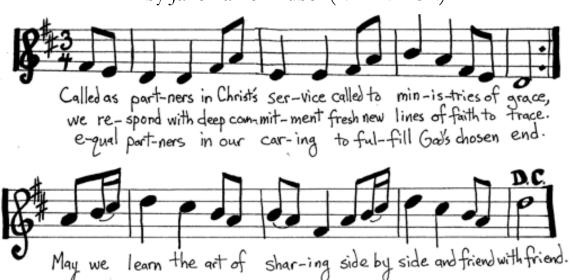
\*GATHERING

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1



## \*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

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 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

GTG #306

by John Fawcett

**DENNIS** 

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 15:1-9

Pew Bible p.16(NT)

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

For all of us share in God's grace.

**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

GTG #675 (Verse 4)

by Thomas Ken

TALLIS' CANON

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## ~ GOING FORTH TO NURTURE ~

\*HYMN

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

GTG #451

by Clara H. Scott

\*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**