

Nurture Good News

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



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2025



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary

Nancy Bair, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. ~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Psalm 36:8-9; Philippians 1:7*)

From the river of your love, all peoples drink, O God.

**For with you is the fountain of life
and all of us share in God's grace.**

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 36:6-10, from PSALMS OF WONDER*)

Your love is high as the heavens, Lord!

Your faithfulness tall as the sky!

Your justice is endless mountains.

Your judgement is deep and wide.

You rescue both people and creatures.

Your kindness is a treasure.

In the shadow of your wings,

all peoples find shelter.

They take enough to fill them up

at your house, from your good things,

and from your stream of delight,

you let them drink,

because with you is the fountain of life,

and it's in your light that we see light.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND

GTG #766

by Adam M.L. Tice; African American spiritual (MC KEE)

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us. Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate; for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs; for the times we have hoarded our abundance; for the times we have turned away from your children in need. For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
Russian Orthodox Chant

GTG #579
KYRIE ELEISON (Orthodox)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*based on Philippians 1:6-7*)

For we all share in the grace of God:
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

HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 62:1-5

Pew Bible p.651(NT)

***HYMN**

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT
by Kathleen Thomerson

GTG #377
HOUSTON

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 2:1-11

Pew Bible p.87(NT)

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

SERMON

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!
by Edward Perronet and John Rippon

GTG #263
CORONATION

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

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

POSTLUDE

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA)

6624 Public Square; Independence, Ohio 44131

ipcusa.org ~ (216) 524-6307 ~ office@ipcusa.org

Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor ~ pastor@ipcusa.org