

Nurture Good News

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



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025



Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk UPCUSA (straw hat)

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

Betty Lingler, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

When the whole globe is a big neighborhood, no individual, group, or institution can isolate itself from crime, disease, and social blight.

~ J. Herbert Nelson

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Luke 4:24; Philippians 1:7)*

Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

All of us share in God's grace.

*GATHERING

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on 1 Corinthians 13)*

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way.

Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs;

it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

Love rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

GTG #693

by Hal H. Hopson

GIFT OF LOVE

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

LITANY OF SENDING

One: Let us send our kids with God's love.

All: **May God be with you there.**

Kids: May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty. Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #579

Russian Orthodox Chant

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

DEUTERONOMY 10:12-22

Pew Bible p.161(OT)

***HYMN**

I LOVE YOU, LORD

GTG #627

by Laurie Klein

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 4:21-30

Pew Bible p.57(NT)

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

For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

REJECTED FOR GOD'S JUSTICE

