

Nurture Good News

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

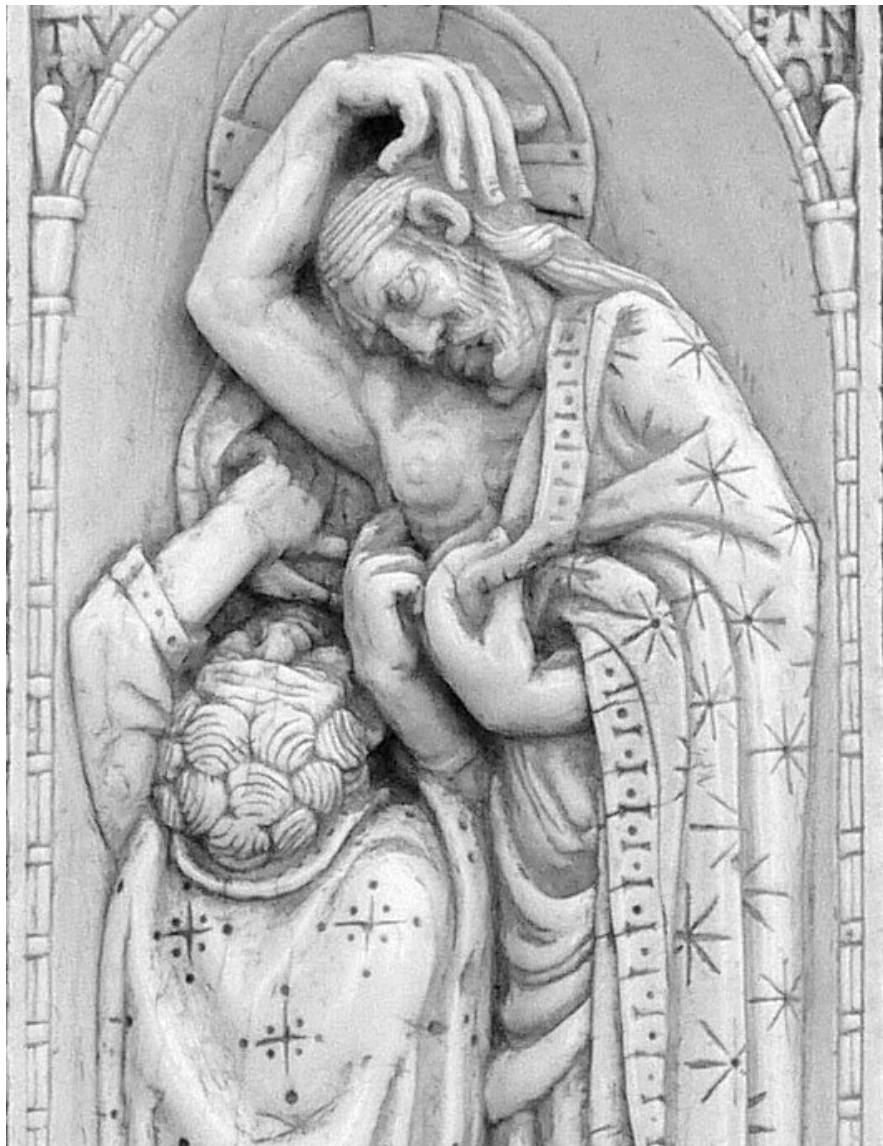


INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025



The opposite of faith is not doubt, it's certainty.

~ Anne Lamott

~ *GATHERING TOGETHER* ~

PRELUDE

DONA NOBIS PACEM

Yo-Yo Ma

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*John 20; Philippians 1*)

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

Let us all share in God's grace.

***GATHERING**

CALLED AS PARTNERS

GTG #761

by Jane Parker Huber (NETTLETON)

Verse 1

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 118*)

The LORD is my strength and my might;

The Lord has become my salvation.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

The stone the builders cast away has become the foundation.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN**

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

GTG #817

by Hentry Alford

DUNLAP'S CREEK

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD

LITANY OF SENDING

Let us send our kid's with God's love:

May God be with you there.

May God be with you here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on John 20)*

Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death. We have refused to see and believe, so we might not have to live our lives accordingly.

God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise. Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth to walk with you in the world you so love. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 5:27-32

Pew Bible p.115(NT)

PSALM 118

ESTE ES EL DÍA

Miguel Manzano

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31

Pew Bible p.108(NT)

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

SERMON

UNLESS I SEE

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, who 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, 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, breaking the power of sin and
evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ALLELUIA

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

GTG #591
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

***HYMN** THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT GTG #254
Latin hymn, 5th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

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

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

POSTLUDE WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT Liturgical Music

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