



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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HYMN SING WORSHIP

Ascension of the Lord (Observed) ~ Sunday, May 25, 2025



Dave Debick, Music Director
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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

A psalm is a song we sing to God.
~ from *Psalms of Wonder*

~ *GATHERING* ~

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit, for the liturgy marked with asterisks.
Congregation is invited to read the liturgy in bold.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*PSALMS OF WONDER based on Psalm 66*)

Shout joy to God, all the earth!

Sing glory to God's name!

PRELUDE

AYRE FOR ORGAN

Henry Purcell

arr. E. Power Biggs

*LITANY FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with songs of joy.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God is ruler over all the earth;
the Lord reigns on a holy throne.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

God put this power to work in Christ,
raising him the name above all names.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Glory to God in the highest.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

***HYMN**

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

GTG #641

Text by Fred Pratt Green

ENGELBERG

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(from Psalm 39)*

I said I would guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue. But my heart became hot within me, the fire burned and I spoke with my tongue. And now, O Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. You chastise mortals for sin, surely everyone is a mere breath. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not hold your peace at my tears. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(from Psalm 40)*

Happy are those who trust in the Lord, not in idols who lie, or people who are proud. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me.

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

INSTRUMENTAL

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(from Psalm 19)*

HEBREW BIBLE

PSALM 47

Pew Bible p.490(OT)

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24:44-53

Pew Bible p.85(NT)

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

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

GTG #258

The Venerable Bede

DEO GRACIAS

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*John Wesley's Rules for Singing*)

Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing God more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to do this *attend strictly to the sense of what you sing*, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when the Lord comes in the clouds of heaven.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (*from PSALMS OF WONDER based on Psalm 118*)

*ALLELUIA	HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!	GTG #591
	Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell	(Refrain)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*from PSALMS OF WONDER based on Psalm 147*)**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*from PSALMS OF WONDER based on Psalm 42*)~ **SENDING** ~

*HYMN	JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE	GTG #611
	by Henry van Dyke	HYMN TO JOY

BENEDICTION (*from PSALMS OF WONDER based on Psalm 103*)

*SENDING	GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN	GTG #541
	by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)	Verse 1

POSTLUDE	GRAND CHOEUR POUR L' ASCENSION	Adolphe Marty
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NEXT WEEK: BLESSING OF THE COLORING BOOK

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