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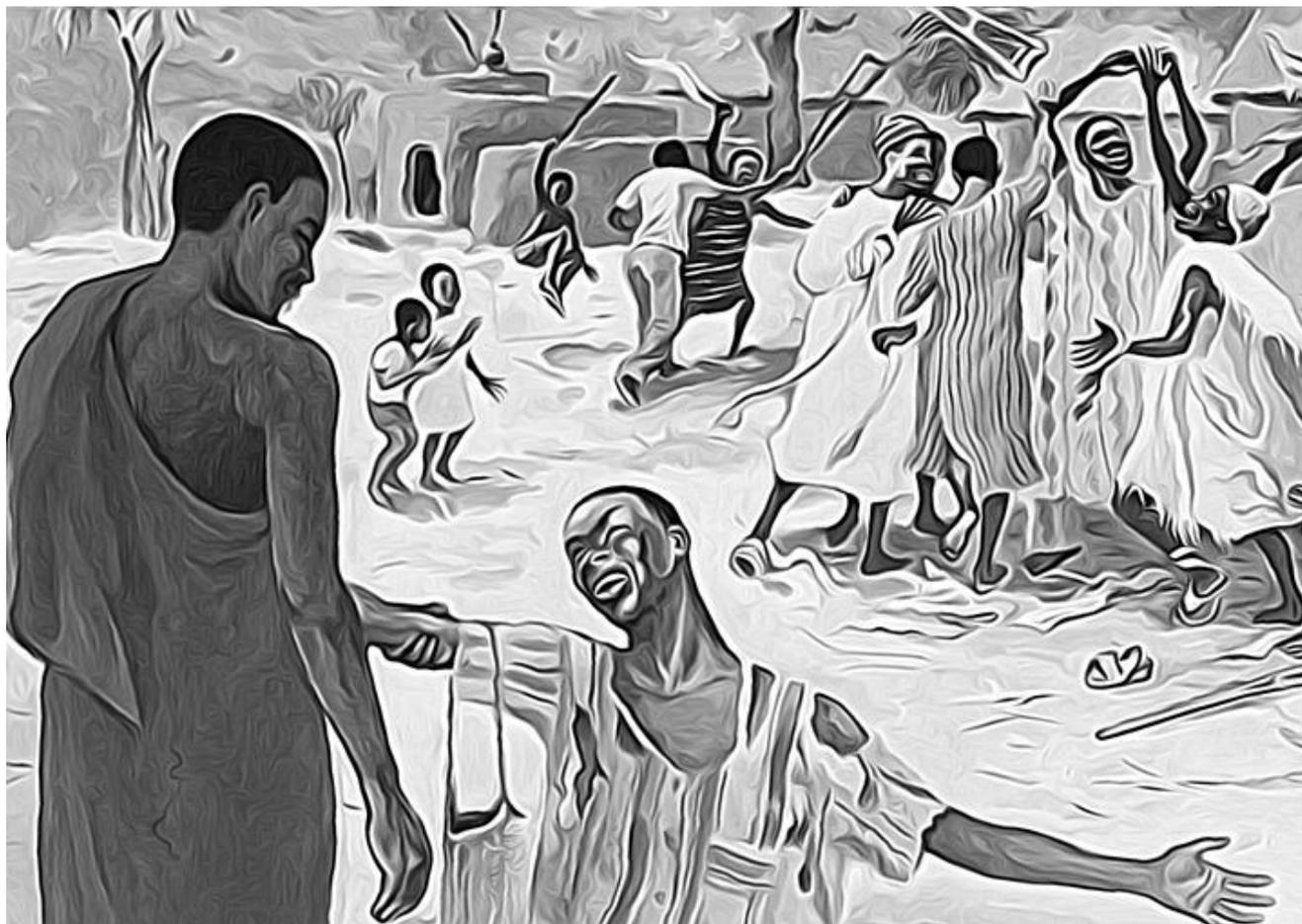
INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 22, 2020



Healing of the Ten Lepers by Jesus Mafa

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

*Carol Tomasko, (Virtual) Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor*

“Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior. It almost always makes you willing to be of service, which is where the joy resides.”

-Anne Lamott

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Prelude in F Op. 12 No. 5” Marcel Dupré

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 95*)* Carol Tomasko

Soften our hearts, mighty God,

that we may hear your voice and see the works of your hand.

Soften our hearts, great maker,

that we may rest in you, giving thanks.

As we bow to you in praise today,

we are grateful for the hand that sculpts mountains and shapes seas.

As we bow to you in praise, great shepherd,

**lead us to the land of rest, where our bodies feed on thanksgiving
and our hearts are at ease in your presence.**

O Come, let us worship God.

Hymn “Solid Rock” GTG#353

Words by Edward Mote and Music by William Batchelder Bradbury

Pouring of the Baptismal Waters

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all, we confess that we have often put other priorities ahead of our loyalty to you. We focus on ourselves and become unable to tend to those in need. We obsess on our own desires to the detriment of your creation. We dismiss those without earthly status and seek out those we think can benefit us. We forget that following you means caring for those most in need of compassion and relief. Forgive us, merciful Lord. Free us from a past we cannot change. Turn us toward you. Shape us into a people who better resemble you, Jesus our servant Lord. Amen. [Time of silent confession]

Kyrie Eleison

C.J. Briggs b.1988

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

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

Dreams for IPC...

Carol Tomasko
Dave Rahn

THE WORD

Children's Moment "Look and Be Grateful" by Tommie DePaula

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Bible *Joshua 24 (select verses)*

Gospel *Matthew 7:24-8:4*

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

Sermon

Living Dreams

Rev. David Wigger

Affirmation of Faith (*from a Brief Statement of Faith*)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offering

Doxology

“Old Hundredth”
by Louis Bourgeois

GTG#606

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn

“Give Thanks”
by Henry Smith

GTG #647

Benediction

Postlude

“Pastorale in F major”

J.S. Bach
BWV 590

Please remember to stick around for a short Congregational Meeting following today’s worship service.

Pieces of today’s liturgy were written by Jill Duffield: *Presbyterian Outlook* and by J. Bradley Wigger: *Together We Pray*. GTG = *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal)

*For all responsive liturgy, leader will read the parts in regular type, **and the congregation may respond with the words in bold.**