



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Ordinary Time (Proper 9)*

July 4, 2021



*Mosaic of Symbols of the 12 Tribes of Ancient Israel, Old Jerusalem Jewish Quarter*

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

Joe Stern, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*Like the kings, every person is created to have dominion in the world, to be stewards of the world and builders of community within society.*

~ Helen A. Kenik

~ *GATHERING* ~

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Ps. 67:4*)

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; **for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.**

**PRELUDE**      PRELUDE FROM BANJO SONATA IN G MAJOR      C.J. Briggs

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Based on Psalm 67*)

God of the earth, may your face shine like the sun upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon all peoples;**

Bless every nation in the world,  
**and let them sing!**

You are the God of a world made good.  
**Let the ends of earth worship the Holy One.**

Warm the earth with your face, we pray.  
**Shine joy upon people everywhere.**

Come, now, let us sing to the Lord!

**HYMN**      GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT HOLY ONE      GTG #65  
by Willa Williams      CWM RHONDDA

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us, God. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen. *Time of Silent Confession.***

**\*RESPONSE**      LORD, HAVE MERCY      GTG #551  
American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx      LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

... 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.**

**ALLELUIA**

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

**GTG #591**  
**HALLE HALLE**

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

**MARK 6:1-13**

**(NRSV)**

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

**SECOND READING**

**2 SAMUEL 5:1-5, 9-10**

**(NRSV)**

**SERMON**

**KINGDOM OF ALL**

**Rev. Wigger**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Confession of Belhar*)

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (*2 Corinthians 9:8*)

**RESPONSE**

**DOXOLOGY**

**GTG #606**

Words by Thomas Ken

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## COMMUNION

### LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

GTG #740

by Doris Akers

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray.*

*Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me over my weakest hour.*

*Help me through the darkness your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ **SENDING** ~

## HYMN

### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

GTG #463

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

### FINALE FROM BANJO SONATA IN G MAJOR

C.J. Briggs

*Please join us in the gathering room or courtyard for coffee or tea.*

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\*You are invited to stand, in body or spirit, for the liturgy with asterisks.

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Together We Pray*, by J. Bradley Wigger; and  
*Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri McDowell Ott

GTG = "Glory to God" Hymnal; (NRSV) = New Revised Standard Version