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# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## *SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

January 17, 2021



*The First Two Disciples, Jesus Mafa*

C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
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Amy Wadsworth, Liturgist  
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve.  
You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make  
your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace.  
A soul generated by love.”*

-The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# GATHERING

## GATHERING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Audio excerpt from Dr. King's sermon: "Drum Major Instinct"*

## PRELUDE

"We Shall Overcome"

African-American Spiritual, arr. Church Marohnic

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Micah 6*)\*

Amy Wadsworth

With what shall we come before the Holy One,  
and bow ourselves before God on high?

**God has shown us what is good.**

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

In that spirit,

**Come, let us worship God.**

## HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us"

GTG #720

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander, Music by William H. Jude

## LITANY OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT (*See Insert*)

## RESPONSE

"Kyrie Eleison"

arr. C.J. Briggs

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*See Insert*)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*by the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman*

### HEBREW BIBLE

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

(NRSV)

### GOSPEL

*John 1:43-51*

(CEB)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Come and See*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from The Belhar Confession)*

We believe ...

**that God wishes to teach the church what is good and to seek the right.**

We believe ...

**that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

We believe ...

**that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.**

We believe ...

**that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

Therefore ...

**we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

“We Are One in the Spirit”  
by Peter Scholtes

GTG #300

BENEDICTION

*Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

POSTLUDE

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian in my Heart”  
African-American Spiritual, arr. Church Marohnic

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Pieces of today's liturgy were developed for use in services at the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and from *Presbyterian Outlook*, Roger Gench. The “Litany of Confession and Lament” was adapted from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, from Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, 2017

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.**

## LITANY OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT

Adapted from Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, 2017

*Stones are brought forward as indicated, assembling into a wall.*

**One stone in our wall is “division.”**

God of love and grace, we confess and lament  
that we are divided from one another  
and stray from our common calling for the healing of all creation.

**One stone in our wall is “hate.”**

Our communities are torn apart by hate, contempt, violence  
and apathy to the suffering of others.

**One stone in our wall is “false accusation.”**

We denounce and falsely accuse one another,  
living in fear instead of charity and love.

**RESPONSE**

“Kyrie Eleison”

arr. C.J. Briggs

**One stone in our wall is “othering.”**

God of love and grace, we confess and lament  
that we unconsciously dismiss those who are different from us  
as being in some way less human or worthy of respect and dignity.

**One stone in our wall is “broken communion.”**

We put up with and perpetuate  
the brokenness among our churches and in our world.

**One stone in our wall is “discrimination.”**

We fail to recognize that each of us is made in your image,  
and discriminate against one another  
based on the very characteristics that you joyfully created.

**One stone in our wall is “intolerance.”**

We fail to foster spaces in our society  
that are safe, open, and welcoming to all.

**RESPONSE**

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**One stone in our wall is “abuse of power.”**

God of love and grace, we confess and lament the abuses of power in the church and in the world, and our failure to seek reconciliation.

**One stone in our wall is “systemic racism.”**

We tolerate systems and structures that reinforce disadvantages experienced by members of our community.

**One stone in our wall is “privilege.”**

We have allowed privilege to keep us comfortable and secure at the expense of our neighbors.

**RESPONSE**

“Kyrie Eleison”

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Turn stones around as indicated, reassembling the stones into a cross.*

Instead of division, **unity.**

Instead of hate, **love.**

Instead of false accusation, **truth.**

Instead of othering, **mutual respect.**

Instead of broken communion, **wholeness.**

Instead of discrimination, **impartiality.**

Instead of intolerance, **acceptance.**

Instead of abuse of power, **equality.**

Instead of systemic racism, **justice.**

Instead of privilege, **interdependence.**

On the cross of Jesus Christ,  
our sins are laid bare and wiped away.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**