



Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama
Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor

October 11, 2020
8:30 a.m.

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Service for the Lord's Day

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

We ask Thy peace, O Christ. The world gives a peace which we have tried. We seek Thine – the peace that compasses all the years, that defeats all the storms, that trusts where it cannot see, that keeps its face toward the light and goes quietly on.
from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seamon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever. Happy are those who act with justice and do what is right!

People: Remember us, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people. May we remember God our Savior who has done great things for us.

HYMN 645 - "SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An everpresent help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome ways along I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part: to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison:

We are anxious people living in anxious times. Lord, we want signs that you are leading us through these difficult times. When we fail to get the assurance we want, we confess we look elsewhere for comfort and confidence. We create idols and look for comfort from our stock markets and investments, but they are too shaky. Heal our anxieties. God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SOLO - "THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE"

Richard Wienhorst

Janet Ort, Soprano

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Trust in the Lord forever, for in Him is strength; in the Lord our God is everlasting strength; for in the Lord our God is everlasting strength.

Isaiah 26:3-4

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: EXODUS 32: 1 – 14

Dr. Wilkins

HOMILY - "ANXIOUS BLESSINGS"

Dr. Wilkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Seamon

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, for ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Director of Missional Engagement

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Mrs. Beth Middleton, Member of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir