

Independent Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

eleven o'clock

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God be praised! Thou hast not made us to live alone. We walk along the way as pilgrims together. Thou hast strung our hearts on common cords. Grant us above all wealth to treasure friends, and above all friends the Great Companion. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Toccata quarta, per L'organo alla L'evatione".....

Girolamo Frescobaldi

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS......Rev. Clayton

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for he is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.

People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts

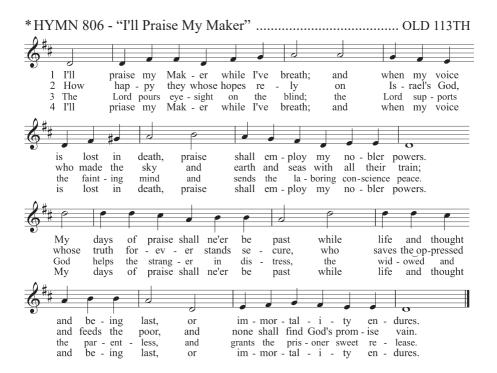
of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their

wounds.

Minister: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, his understanding

is beyond measure.

All: Let us praise the Lord!



PRAYER OF CONFESSION......Rev. Seamon

Unison: Gracious and Merciful God: Into every narrow mind, into every shut mouth, into every closed eye, come with healing light to open up and reveal to us not only who you are, but what your love might be, in us, through us, or even despite us. Forgive us for choosing bleakness instead of blessedness, fear instead of trust, despair instead of hope. Into our wintry worlds let the promise of spring come. Remind us that you are in this winter moment with us, and that you are always at work moving us toward new life, new light, new beginning, new hope. Holy God, in infinite mercy, shine your healing light upon all our living, that the life we live may be a life lived to your glory, each and every day.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 581)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39

Minister: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.



SERMON - A PRESENT GOD Rev. Clayton

The Response to the Word

* NICENE CREED (In unison)

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking here, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....

OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE......Dr. Wilkins

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (All Singing) arr. Richard Proulx



The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (All Singing) arr. Richard Proulx



AMEN (All Singing) arr. Richard Proulx



THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

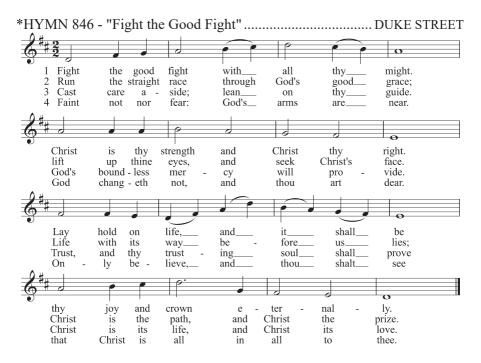
"O Healing River"..... Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff arr. David Cherwien

O healing river, Send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters and wash the blood from off the sand. This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down. Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish. Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise. O healing river, send down your waters. O healing river, from out of the skies, O healing river.

Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending



^{*}CHARGE

^{*}BENEDICTION

^{*} POSTLUDE - "Finale of Offertoire sur les grands jeux"......François Couperin

^{*}Congregation standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please contact us for more information: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or spulliam@ipcusa.org and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

- THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rolla Earl Beck, Jr., First Special Service Force, European Theatre WWII; father of Murray and Reb Beck.
- THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 14, 2021, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are: 1) RNC Election of Officers, 2) Receive the 2020 financial reports, 3) Receive the report of the IPC Foundation, 4) Receive the 2020 report of the President of the Congregation, 5) Susan Clayton's Terms of Call. By order of the Session, Dr. Stephen Goyer, Moderator, and Steve Hunt, Clerk. Find the Zoom meeting link in this week's eUpdate, or sign-up at ipc-usa.org > connect to have the link sent to your email address.
- IN-PERSON WORSHIP RETURNS on February 14 for limited, in-person attendance. IPC will re-open its sanctuary for the 11 am service and Highland Hall for the 5 pm Table service. An Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6:30 pm on February 17. Visit ipc-usa.org > worship to see our safety precautions and to make a reservation to join us in-person. All services will continue to be available via livestream on IPC's Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL ENDS TODAY: Join us this afternoon at 4 pm on YouTube or Facebook @IPCBirmingham for a Chamber Music Concert *Glimpses of Grief and Glee* featuring new works composed by Amy McLelland and performed by several local musicians. You can also rewatch our past programs this week on our YouTube channel.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor of Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Ms. Emily Herring, Guest Soprano

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