



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 2020 | 11:00 A.M.

Our hope in this season of COVID-19 is that all who worship virtually feel welcome and a sense of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

**Asterisk indicates when to stand, if able.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

DAVID SCHNELL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND ANNE H.K. APPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee.” -Augustine of Hippo

PRELUDE

AIR FROM “WATER MUSIC”

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL (1685 - 1759)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. APPLE

Winding down and restarting refreshed, we need not go away.

Gather us

and satisfy your children.

You have compassion on us, and heal our sick.

Gather us

and satisfy your children.

You pick up the broken pieces left over, and invite us into your blessing.

Gather us

and satisfy your children.

Hymn 336: First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 336

"WE GATHER TOGETHER"

KREMSER

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We struggle to be near you,
And do not know you in the way that we should.
Coming to you now let us ask your name.
Let us know you, who is God over all,
Forever praised!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Wrestling with you, knowing the truth of how it is with our lives,
We need you to tell us your name.
We need you to tell us we are forgiven.
We need to confess our sins.
Draw us near,

and forgive us we pray.

Coming to you, we ask your name
We struggle to be near you,
And do not know you in the way that we should.
Draw us near,

and forgive us we pray.

Teach our mouths not to transgress,
Let your eyes see the right,
And may our mouths speak the truth.
Draw us near,

and forgive us we pray.

As you feed even the least of us with your eternal care,
we wrestle and wrench ourselves from you,
Yet you overpower us with your love.
Draw us near,

and forgive us we pray.

Oh God before whom generations rise and pass away,
Your touch offers ripples of grace in our lives,
which we feel from generation to generation.
Draw us near,

and forgive us we pray.

John Merbecke, 1550; arr. Healey Willian, 1930

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Though we wrestle with you, and you wrench us from our comforts,
 We give thanks for your blessing and forgiveness.
 Although we become broken and life may mark us with wounds,
 Our scars draw us nearer to you.
 And when the struggle is through, you bless us wherever we are,
 adopting us into your divine glory. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

The Draft Proposed Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Jack Noble White

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
 afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de- fense, and
 God will be my Sav - ior.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We sing in thanksgiving for the gifts of forgiveness and new life.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm and mailing a payment is also an option.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE REVEREND DR. RODGER NISHIOKA

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

MATTHEW 14: 22–33

ANTHEM

“TEACH ME, O LORD “

DAVID HURD (B. 1950)

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.*

*Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.*

*Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart.*

*Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.*

*Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.*

*Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you.*

*Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life.*

- - Psalm 118: 33 – 38, 40

SCRIPTURE

2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-3

DR. NISHIOKA

SERMON

“WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS”

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Doxology literally means “words of glory.” Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. We honor and thank God “from whom all blessings flow.”

Hymn 49: Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the Yigdal, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation. .

***SENDING HYMN NO. 49** (stanzas 1, 3, and 4)

“THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE”

LEONI

The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
Your good-ly land we seek, with peace and plen-ty blest,
You have e-ter-nal life im-plant-ed in the soul;

the An-cient of E-ter-nal Days, the God of love!
a land of sa-cred lib-er-ty and Sab-bath rest.
your love shall be our strength and stay, while a-ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
There milk and hon-ey flow, and oil and wine a-bound,
We praise you, liv-ing God! We praise your ho-ly name:

we bow be-fore your ho-ly name, for-ev-er blest.
and trees of life for-ev-er grow with mer-cy crowned.
the first, the last, be-yond all thought, and still the same!

***BENEDICTION**

DR. NISHIOKA

POSTLUDE

“FANFARE IN D “

JACQUES-NICOLAS LEMMENS (1823 - 1881)

WORSHIP NOTICES

The 11:00 service is live at livestream.com/idlewild and broadcast on 96.1 FM. (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices.)

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

Today's preacher is the Reverend Dr. Rodger Nishioka. Dr. Nishioka serves as an Associate Pastor and the Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, and is a former professor at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Today's liturgy was written by Michal Kennell who is serving as a Pastoral Intern this summer at Idlewild. Michal is a member of the church and a sophomore at St. John's College.

VISITOR NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to have you join our Livestream worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call 726-4681 during the week.

For confidential prayer requests, call the prayer chain, 487-6062.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at 726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (please press one to reach the voicemail box). Messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy.

The Mission of Idlewild

The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, formation, nurture, and outreach.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



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