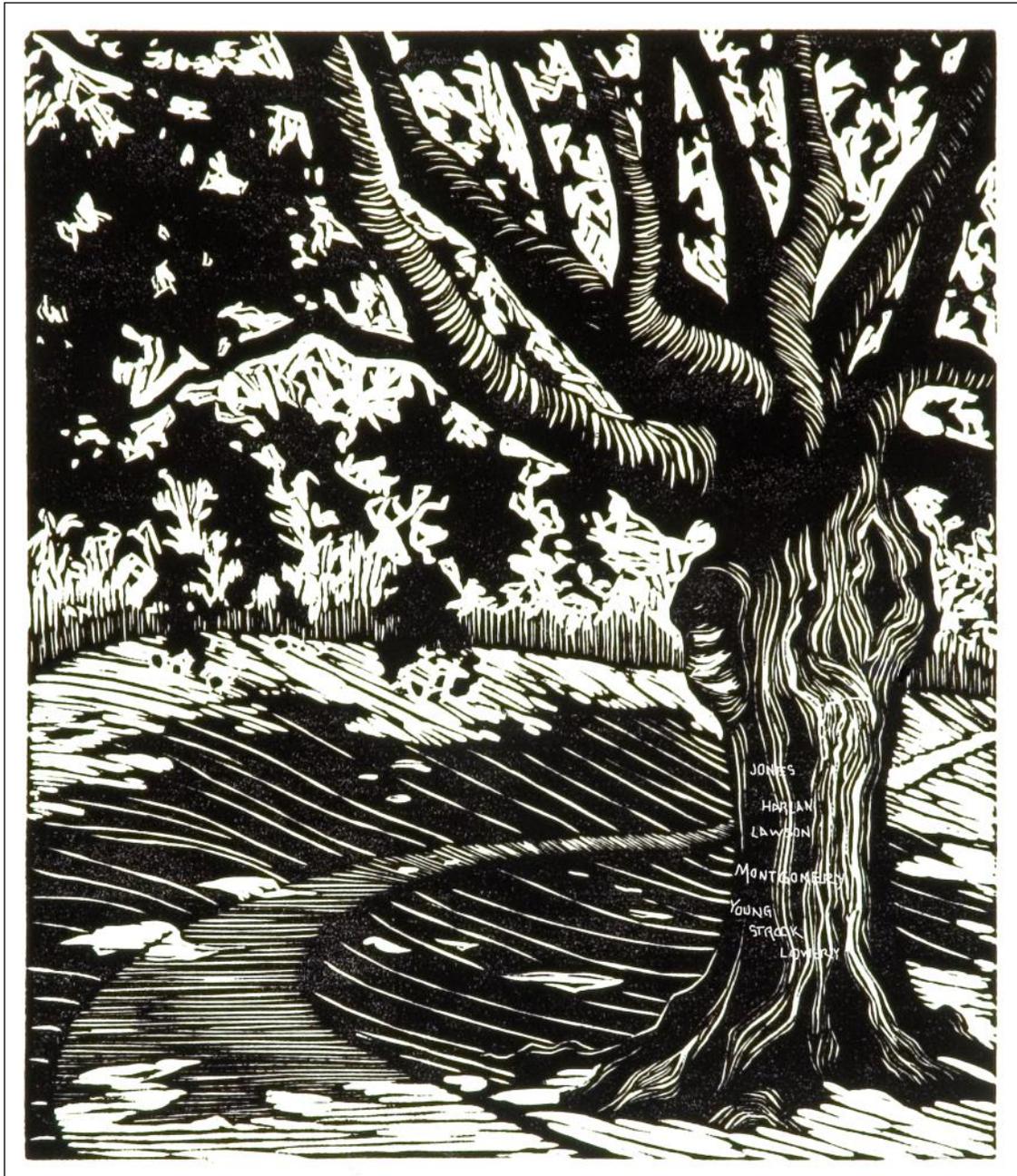


A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION IN
GRATITUDE TO GOD FOR THE LIFE OF
THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN RICHEY MONTGOMERY

AUGUST 21, 1951—JULY 31, 2020



The image on the cover is by Idlewild member and local artist, Martha Kelly, who contributed the artwork as a companion piece to an original song, "The Reverend and the Tree," written by Steve Berger in honor of Steve Montgomery's retirement.

Bold text is read or sung
by the congregation.

***Please stand if able.**

"Come Inside"
was commissioned by Idlewild Church in memory of Margaret Montgomery, mother of Steve Montgomery. It is based upon the biblical emphasis on hospitality that, when Abraham and Sarah welcomed strangers, they turned out to be angels. It also reminds us of the vision of Idlewild, that "all who enter find a home." The Vision Statement is printed on the back of the bulletin.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 7, 2020

2:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

ICH RUF ZU DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST, BWV 639
I CRY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

WO SOLL ICH FLIEHEN HIN, BWV 646
WHERE SHALL I FLEE FROM YOUR SPIRIT?

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685 - 1750)

ARIA ON A CHACONNE

JOEL MARTINSON (B. 1960)

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

JOHANNES MATTHIAS MICHEL (B. 1962)

GREETINGS FROM THE STATED CLERK PC(USA)

THE REVEREND DR. J. HERBERT NELSON

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"COME INSIDE"

ANITA

Come inside! Our Host invites us.
Enter all, God's house of prayer.
In the people gathered 'round us,
we meet angels, unaware!

Come and glimpse the gates of heaven,
hear on earth flung open wide.
Young and old who yearn for refuge
join in worship side by side.

Refrain:
Come inside, our doors are open!
Feel the welcome in this place.
Come inside, our arms are open.
Feel the warmth of God's embrace.

Come and know the love of Jesus,
not as servants but as friends.
In each stranger, find a neighbor;
share God's peace that never ends.

words by Mary Louise Bringle, 2010

music by Sally Ann Morris, 2001

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND ANNE H.K. APPLE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN NO.624

“I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART”

TOULON

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

MICAH 6: 6–8

HABAKKUK 3: 17–19

ISAIAH 44: 6–8

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

RABBI MICAH GREENSTEIN

At his retirement, Steve still remembered hearing this hymn sung in Los Callos, El Salvador on our first youth mission trip to El Salvador in 2001. It was sung in Spanish in a tiny cinder block church by three members, all playing the guitar, who had overcome incredible tragedies, but still understood deeply what it meant to “follow humbly.”

REFLECTION

SUNG REFLECTION

“LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE LAKESHORE”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

PSALM LESSON

PSALM 46: 1–5, 10–11

THE REVEREND DR. SCOTT MORRIS

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble
with its tumult. Selah

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help
it when the morning dawns.

**“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the
nations, I am exalted in the earth.”**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

REFLECTION

SUNG REFLECTION

*You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

REFLECTION

SEHRISH SIDDIQUE

SUNG REFLECTION

*You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me:*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

REV. APPLE

JOHN 20: 11–19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Memphis Islamic Center
brings a video message of
condolence.*

This hymn was commissioned by Idlewild in celebration of Steve's ministry. It was presented as a surprise on the occasion of Steve's retirement. Today we listen to that recording beginning with video of that day and transitioning to images shared by his family.

HOMILY

HYMN

"WE GLADLY HEAR OF LOVE AND GRACE"

NEW MONTGOMERY

*We gladly hear of love and grace –
they are the soul's desire –
but struggle when we're called to face
your purifying fire.
How tempting, Lord, to turn away
from your prophetic word,
and mute the hardest things you say
lest we should be disturbed.*

*O Christ, who prayed alone at dawn,
you knew the strain and stress
of being by the Spirit drawn
to judge and also bless:
you threw the money changers out
and welcomed sinners in,
prophetic acts that turned about
how things had always been.*

*Grant now to us an ample heart
with room enough to hold
the healing judgment you impart
that does not rant or scold,
but standing up to hate and fear
and keeping hope alive
gives witness that God's reign draws near
when peace and justice thrive.*

*We thank you, Lord, this church has known
the faith for which we pray
in one whose ministry has shown
your just and loving way,
a pastor and a prophet too
who with the Spirit's fire
has brought to us your word anew
to challenge and inspire.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

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.

*MUSICAL REFLECTION

"IF I HAD A HAMMER"

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Steve Berger, Guitar

Ushers will indicate when your row shall exit. We invite you to move to the garth through the back of the sanctuary at this time.

The commendation is spoken in a shared voice as a witness to our trust in God and a testimony to the faith we have in a risen Christ.

*COMMENDATION

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.

**We are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.**

This you ordained when you created us, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,
but life everlasting.

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant, Steve.**

Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,

a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy.

**Receive him into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into
the glorious company of the saints in light.**

*HYMN

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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."

*BENEDICTION

REV. APPLE

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all people here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost
Amen.

TOWER BELL TOLL



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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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