

*I will be  
standing there...*



*From lament, into hope*

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*Lament is a faithful action of God's people. Intensely sacred and definitively communal, the Bible bears witness that some shriek and others cover themselves in ashes; some cry out questions before God, others shrink into despair. We have made space this month for lament in our liturgy. Partnered with forward looking preaching, our reformed liturgy is differently shaped for this season. We invite your poetic and prophetic imaginations as we journey together.*

*At Idlewild, we lament the intensity of staff transitions and the unexpected deaths of Pastor Steve Montgomery, Director of Food Services Faye Smith, and recently retired administrator Carol Good. We lament the state of the world entrapped in the unseen net of a global pandemic. We lament the breakdown of our country and the raw pain born out of systemic racism.*

*We conclude this season of lament with courage that we might be brave in this work together and with great gratitude for those who have served and preached with us this month.*

***Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.***

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 | 11:00 A.M.

## GATHERING IN THE WORD

WELCOME

THE REVEREND ANNE H.K. APPLE

CALL TO LAMENT

"THROUGH IT ALL"

Danny Thomas, soloist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

BETSY HOOD, JESSICA JOSHI,  
JOE LACKIE, GIB WILSON

We turn and face the West to the place of daily endings, dusk's blessing bringing rest.

We wonder if the Lord is among us or not.

In the morning, and in the evening,

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

We face East to the place of dawning light, beauty in the morning sky.

We trust that what is bound on earth, is bound in heaven.

In the morning, and in the evening,

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

We turn and face South to the place of flowing rivers, harbors opening to the sea.

We hope our hearts will draw on God's patience.

In the morning, and in the evening,

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

We turn and face the North to the place of beginnings, headwaters and heavenly stars,

We desire that you keep our coming in and our going out, from generation to generation.

In the morning and in the evening,

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LÄSST"

(BASED ON HYMN 816, "IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE")

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685 - 1750)

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. APPLE

\*HYMN NO. 791

“FOR YOU, MY GOD, I WAIT”

SPRINGTIME



1 For you, my God, I wait with hope born  
 2 Lord, hear my plead - ing voice, and let me  
 3 If you should list my faults, the sins of  
 4 For e - ven from the deep I know you  
 5 And once my soul is still, in you I  
 6 O God, you are my hope; I know that



of the Word. Like sleep - less ones who  
 know you hear! As sleep - less ones feel  
 heart and hand, like sleep - less ones who  
 hear my cries. Like sleep - less ones who  
 find my rest, at peace as though a  
 you for - give. Your love re - deems me



long to dream I wait and call my Lord.  
 rest ap - proach, I know my God is near.  
 groan at dawn I know I could not stand!  
 dream at last, I ease my wea - ry eyes.  
 child up - on a gen - tle moth - er's breast.  
 from the depths so I may rise and live.

*Hymn 791: Unlike most paraphrases of Psalm 130, this one begins in the thematic center of the psalm and works backwards to the familiar “out of the depths” language of the opening verse. This focus on waiting allows the paraphrase to incorporate the imagery of the brief related Psalm 130.*

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 17: 1–7

RICK BAKER, ALAINA GRESHAM, JIMMY GRESHAM

## WADE INTO WORSHIP

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

## EPISTLE LESSON

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS  
 PHILIPPIANS 2: 1–13

## ANTHEM

“MY SONG SHALL BE ALWAYS OF THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF THE LORD”

GERALD NEAR (B. 1942)

*My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord;  
 With my mouth will I show forth thy truth.  
 For I have said, mercy is set up for ever;  
 Thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.  
 – Psalm 89: 1, 2*

SERMON

THE REVEREND DR. LAURA MENDENHALL

HANDBELL PEAL

DAVID SCHNELL

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

*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.*

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

*This week the Passing of the Peace harkens us back to Pentecost, the birthday of the church, when we worshipped collaboratively as a Presbytery.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR THE CONGREGATION

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

COURTNAY VEAZEY

I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

## RESPONSIVE APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BAPTISM

CHARLOTTE JOY ELLIS

REV. APPLE

*Jill & Kirk Ellis, parents*

*Jackie & Rick Baker, baptism buddies*

### BAPTISM HYMN "CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE"

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you  
Unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship;  
Trust and love God more than all.

### BAPTISM PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CALL FOR GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

#### \*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

*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.*

*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 308:** Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

# SENDING IN THE WORD

## \*SENDING HYMN NO. 308

“O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS”

NOEL

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

RICK BAKER & ALAINA GRESHAM

\*BENEDICTION

DR. MENDENHALL

POSTLUDE

“JUBILATE”

WILLIAM MATHAIS (1934 - 1992)

*"I am the resurrection and the life ..."*

**Carol McCarley Good**

July 16, 1953 – September 22, 2020

### **WORSHIP NOTICES**

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

**The Reverend Dr. Laura Mendenhall** is the former President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. She served as President from 2000-2009. She is currently serving as senior philanthropy advisor for the Texas Presbyterian Foundation.

**Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

### **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.

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## A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

**J**esus 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.

**W**orship 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.

**T**he 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.

**J**ustice 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,

**A**nd all who enter find a home.



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