



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

*Bold text is read
by the congregation.*

**Asterisk indicates when to
stand in body or in spirit.*

*The Call to Worship is drawn
from When Heaven Stands
Open by Timothy Slemmons.*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Every blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers,
'Grow, grow.'

- *The Talmud*

PRELUDE

"CIACONNA" IN E MINOR DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637 - 1707)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

We see ourselves in the mirror of stories.

Now let us reflect upon the stories of God.

We see our brokenness in the window of the Word.

Now let us be open to the prophecies of God.

We see the way of salvation in Christ.

**Come, Spirit of Christ, and open our eyes, change our
minds, and warm our hearts as we gather to worship you in
spirit and in truth.**

Hymn 703: John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 703**

ST. CATHERINE

“JESUS, THY BOUNDLESS LOVE TO ME”

(Cantors sing verses 1&3. Congregation is invited to speak verse 2.)

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

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. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor in a sacredly distanced way.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. POWERS

All-knowing God, we say that we love you,
yet we confess that our lives all too rarely show it.

**We say that your love is alive within us,
yet we all too often let the needs of others go unmet.**

How can we say that we love you
when we do not obey your commandment to love one another?

**Yet you, O Lord, are greater than any failing of our hearts!
Forgive us, and increase your love within us,
that we may truly host your indwelling Holy Spirit,
love one another as Christ loved us,
and live to your praise and glory, in Jesus' name.**

(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

*Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
This is the day the Lord has made!
God's great love endures forever.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let those who fear the Lord proclaim:
This is the day the Lord has made!
God's love endures forever.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

VIRGINIA BOYD

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TAC CANNON

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

ACTS 8:26-40

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, for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

BRIAN HANSON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

- Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 - 1879)

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 24:13-35

REV. POWERS

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MARK JONES

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life. Today's sermons will be delivered by four of our Idlewild high school seniors.

The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.

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. Those in the sanctuary may drop off a check in the plates in the narthex.

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."



***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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

REV. POWERS & REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn 450: These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 450**

SLANE

“BE THOU MY VISION”

(Cantors sing verses 1,2&4. Congregation is invited to speak verse 3.)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

“CARILLON-SORTIE”

HENRI MULET (1878 - 1967)

WORSHIP NOTICES

The cantors this Sunday are Amy Phillips and Tyler Brumback. The flutist is Pamela Schnell.

Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at www.idlewildchurch.org/worship-music/.

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

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

VISITOR NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to have you join us for 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.

JONES SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, the Paul T. and Anna H. Jones Scholarship is awarded annually according to the following guidelines: first priority is given to members of Idlewild Church who are going to Rhodes College or Louisville Seminary; second priority is given to members of Idlewild going to any other higher education institution; third priority is given to non-members of Idlewild going to Rhodes College or Louisville Seminary.

To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and plans for the 2021-22 school year.

Direct your letter to this address:

Jenni Brooks
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Mail letter to the church office by Monday, May 17, 2021. You may also email your letter to jbrooks@idlewildchurch.org. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible as to whether or not they will receive a scholarship.

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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