



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOREVER PIECES: THE BIBLE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

*Bold text is read  
by the congregation.*

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

*The Preparation for Worship  
is by Richard Rohr.*



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better."

PRELUDE

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

"JESUS, MY JOY" BWV610

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

JEANENE MUTCHLER

God calls us to worship, and we gather,  
some with laughter and songs of joy.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,  
some with heavy hearts and grief.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,  
some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,  
some with distraction and exhaustion.

As God's dearly beloved children,  
we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope  
into this place of Spirit-given grace, love, and renewal.

**Hymn 451:** The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer of illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.



\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 451

OPEN MY EYES

“OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE”

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Clara H. Scott (1841-1897)

*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.*



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



*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

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love.  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Silent Confession)*

## \*KYRIE

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.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE

Psalms 119

Michael W. Smith

Thy word is a lamp un-to\_ my feet and a light un-to my  
path. Thy word is a lamp un-to\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

LUCY HETTINGER

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

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

REV. POWERS & REV. GALE

*(Leadership will prompt the communal pieces of the litany.)*

### CONGREGATION

As you grow, we hope that you will...

Bring your faith,  
bring your questions,  
and bring your doubts here.

We commit to...

Love you,  
Support you,  
Listen to you,  
And learn with you.

Together, we will grow in faith and knowledge!

### PARENTS

As you grow, we promise

To read these words with you,  
to listen to your questions,  
to share our ideas,  
and be honest about our doubts.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHARLOTTE FIELDS

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAAH 55:8-11

REV. POWERS

### ANTHEM

LUDVIG M. LINDEMAN, ARR. DALE WOOD

"BUILT ON A ROCK THE CHURCH SHALL STAND"

*Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling;  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
Calling the souls of men distressed,  
Longing for life everlasting.*

*Not in our temples made with hands  
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;  
High in the heav'ns His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling;  
Yet He who dwells in heaven above  
Deigns to abide with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.*

*We are God's house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation;  
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones,  
Granting us life and salvation;  
Were two or three to seek His face,  
He in their midst would show His grace,  
Blessings upon them bestowing.*

*Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
Many may come to hear God's Word  
Where He his promise is bringing:  
I know my own, my own know me;  
You, no the world, my face shall see;  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.*

- Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, tr. Carl Doving

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



*At this time, potty-trained  
threes to kindergarteners  
are welcome to proceed to  
the hallway with an adult  
and sign in with Ms. Emily.*



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

*Today's Affirmation of Faith is from The Iona Community Creed.*



*During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Giving is available through Realm, the mail, or in person through the collection plates in the narthex or main hallway.*

*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."*



SERMON

"FOREVER PIECES: THE BIBLE"

SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

REV. GALE

We believe that God is present  
in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty  
where fear and courage join hands,**

conflict and caring link arms,  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst  
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith  
that takes us beyond a safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability,  
and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully,  
and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.**

### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

JEANENE MUTCHLER

#### \*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

**Hymn 462:** This text is drawn from the second part of a 50-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.



**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 462**

SLANE

"I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Please keep sacred distance  
as you leave church.*

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry  
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Katherine Hankey (1834-1911)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

**POSTLUDE**

**"PRELUDE IN G MAJOR"**

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

**SECOND GRADERS**

We pray for our second graders as they receive their first Bibles. May God speak to them through the Word.

- Julia Ann Berger
- Sloane Samantha Clark
- Charlotte Marie Fields
- Fiona Catherine Gale
- Chase Daniel Gordon
- Lydia Sullivant Rowe
- Robert Raymond Rylee
- Tyler Anthony Serino

**WORSHIP SYMBOL KEY**

Beginning this Sunday, you will notice some new icons in the margin notes of the bulletin. We are introducing this feature as a way to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may be worshipping with and help engage them in the worship service.

Baptism

Bible

Communion

Music

Offering Plate

Prayer

Spoken Word

# 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.

## WELCOME NOTICES

**Welcome to Idlewild!** We are glad to have you join us for worship.

If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** In addition, childcare for children 6 weeks—2 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church, after which children who are potty-trained ages 3 years—5 years may go to Worship and Wonder located in the Old Library on the second level. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

**New members are received by the Session.** If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call (901)726-4681 during the week.

**For confidential prayer requests,** call the prayer chain, (901)487-6062.

**If you have a personal emergency,** hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at (901)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.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The sanctuary flowers are given** to the glory of God and in celebration of Meredith Pritchartt on her birthday by Wendy, Ed, Elizabeth and Will Ansbro; Sarah Long and Alex, Kathleen, Van and Patrick Pritchartt; Mary, Frank, Frank III and Meredith Muscari.

**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/news&events/registration](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/news&events/registration).

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

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