



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022 | 11:00 A.M.

**Bold text is read
by the congregation.**
***Asterisk indicates when to
rise in body or in spirit.**

Please sign the friendship pad
so we may take note of your
presence and you may greet
your neighbors by name.

**Today's preparation of
worship comes from author,**
Rob Bell (b.1970).

The prelude is based on
Psalm 62.



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH H. DOOLIN

WORDS OF PREPARATION

What we see Jesus doing again and again – in the midst of constant reminders about the seriousness of following him, living like him, and trusting him – is widening the scope and expanse of his saving work.

PRELUDE

“FOR GOD ALONE MY SOUL WAITS IN SILENCE” RAYMOND H. HAAN
Angela Saunders, Guest Organist; Tim Wise, Guest Conductor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

JEANENE MUTCHLER

Alleluia! Christ is alive.

Let all the people praise him.

Alleluia! Christ is alive!

Let all creation sing with joy.

Hymn 41: The first two stanzas are addressed to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God. This paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.



***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 41**

LYONS

“O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!”

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

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. DOOLIN

God of mercy,
You command us to love one another across differences,
and You call us to new horizons.

**Yet we often respond with fear and judgment,
hindering your vision for human flourishing.**

You are present in all people and places,
and Your Spirit never ceases to bring new life.

**Yet we fail to see Your image in all creation,
and attempt to confine Your power.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Open our hearts, and grant us humility.

Help us to know the vast expanse of
Your love and grace.

(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

KATE WOLFKILL

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

During the gathering hymn, children are invited to come forward.



At this time, potty-trained threes to kindergartners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.



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

GATHERING HYMN

JENNETTE THRELFALL (1821-1880)

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Give praise to his name. Je-sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre-a-tion. *to Refrain*

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

WALT LOGAN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PSALM 148:7-14

LUCY CUMMINGS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 11:1-18

REV. DOOLIN

SERMON

WHO COULD HINDER GOD?

SILENT REFLECTION

Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from a Brief Statement of
Faith.



During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may place their offering in the plate as it is passed.



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LUCY CUMMINGS

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

JEANENE MUTCHLER

ANTHEM

HAROLD FRIEDEL (1905-1958)

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.*

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 300: A parish priest at
 St. Brendan's on the South
 Side of Chicago in the 1960s
 was very involved in the
 local Civil Rights movement
 and needed something for
 his youth choir to sing at
 ecumenical, interracial
 events. Finding nothing, he
 wrote this song in a single
 day.



***DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 OF SENDING NO. 300**

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

"WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT"



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. DOOLIN

POSTLUDE

PETER SCHOLTES, ARR. WILBUR HELD

"WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT"

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 today to the glory of God by Courtney and Kyle Veazey in appreciation of the Idlewild family's prayers and support through Courtney's seminary journey. Courtney graduates today from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity.

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/registration.

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.

This morning we are joined by Lucy Cummings, a candidate to be a minister of the word and sacrament.

A special thank you to our guest organist, Angela Saunders and guest conductor, Tim Wise.

The bulletin art is by Zoe Whelan.

WORSHIP SYMBOL KEY

We use these icons 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



Offering Plate



Music



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.

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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