



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 14, 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.**



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

WORDS OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

"BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD" (BWV)

J.S. BACH (1790-1850)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

COURTNAY VEAZEY

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,  
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

**They shared their blessings so that we might know God's  
presence here.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**Hymn 611:** This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's Ninth Symphony. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.



**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 611**

HYMN TO JOY

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE"

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of 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.*



*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.*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. POWERS

God of hope, we confess

our disregard of your care...  
our doubt of your providence...  
our blindness to signs of your love.

We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life;  
we separate ourselves from you and from others  
and foster divisions between those you love.

Help us amend our lives  
and make us your faithful people  
who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*(Silent Reflection)*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no dark-ness at  
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the  
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CARTER WYATT

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

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



*Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. The congregation promises to guide, nurture, and love the baptized person.*

*At this time, three to kindergarteners 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.*

## HYMN OF GATHERING

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the mor - ning,  
Prai - se God, Prai - se God, Praise God in the mor - ning,  
Je - sus at the noon - time. Je - sus, Je - sus,  
Prai - se God, Prai - se God, Prai - se God,  
Je - sus when the sun goes down.  
Prai - se God when the sun goes down.

BLESSINGS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL      REV. POWERS & JEANENE MUTCHLER

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS

EVELYN ROSALIE MORGAN  
*Daughter of Emily & JD Morgan*

### BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise,	Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,	Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you	Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine.	Trust and love God more than all.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MEREDITH MUSCARI

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19

CARTER WYATT

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

REV. POWERS

SERMON

SET BEFORE US

SILENT REFLECTION

*The Affirmation of Faith is from Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia.*



*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*



*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."*



# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

COURTNAY VEAZEY

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters  
that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

**We believe that God is in the arid desert  
as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.  
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in  
Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. POWERS

### OFFERTORY

"THE GIFT OF LOVE"

ARR. HAL HOPSON

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not  
love, my words are vain as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be giv'n by  
love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come spirit come our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward  
love guide every deed, by this we worship and are freed. Amen*

### \*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 315: Is written and composed by Julian B. Rush.

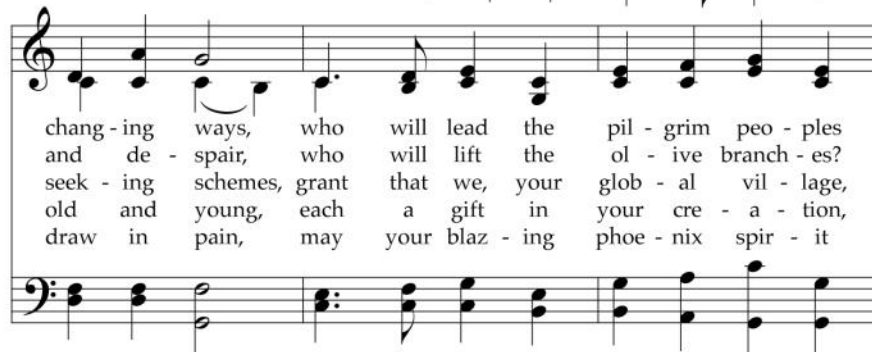
# \*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 315

NEW DIMENSIONS


## "IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS"



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



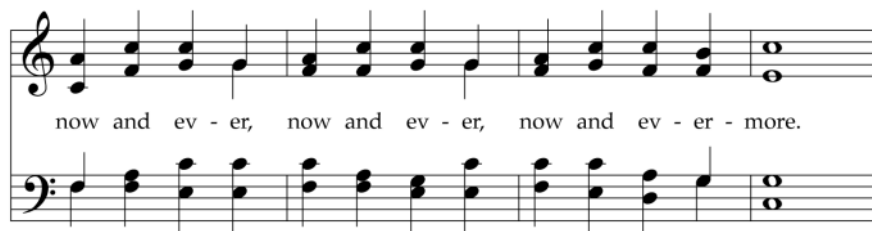
chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



*Refrain*  
wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
Who will light the flame of care?  
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
each a love song to be sung.  
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.



\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

"TRUMPET TUNE IN D MAJOR"

DAVID JOHNSON (1940-2021)

## 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 newborns—3 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 ages 3 years—kindergarten 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 loving memory of Anne Marie Jennings Mathews, on her birthday, from her family, Barbara Jennings, Dennis Mathews, Laura and Julia.

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

**If you are interested in donating,** we have availability for the month of August through September.

**The 11:00 service** is live at [livestream.com/idlewild](http://livestream.com/idlewild) (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices). As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

**This morning** we are joined by guest musician, John Palmer.

As you leave, each household will be handed a bag with

- a ministry guide for the semester
- a service guide for the year
- a sticker to take home
- a Kick Off Day Passport

Ministry members will pass out stickers for each ministry you learn more about for your Kick Off Passport. The more stickers you receive, the better the prizes!

Turn them into the basket when you are done.

# 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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## MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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