



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 25, 2025 | 10:00 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.

The Call to Worship is based
upon Psalm 67.



Hymn No. 744: Echoing
imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2
and other passages, this text
was created as an inclusive-
language alternative to an
older hymn using this late
19th-century tune. Because it
is a song of encouragement
rather than a song of praise,
it is not directed to God but
to people.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRIERE A NOTRE DAME
GARY BEARD, ORGAN

LEON BOELLMANN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

JEANENE MUTCHLER

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**For your graciousness and blessing;
for your face shining upon us.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**For your known way and saving power;
for your judgment and guidance.**


Let us be glad and sing for joy
as we praise and revere our God.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 744

FESTAL SONG

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)



The Prayer of Confession is based upon Acts 16:9-15.



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

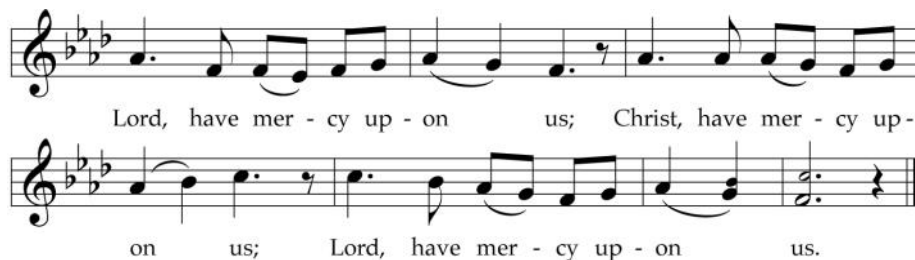
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Holy God,
you give us a vision for life together,
yet we struggle to respond.
Forgive us for missing your calling
and ignoring neighbors' pleas for help.
Forgive us for not crossing over
to cities and districts unknown to us.
Forgive us for failing to sit down,
speak with, and pray alongside
those gathered outside our gates.
Forgive us for sailing off course,
and open our hearts, so we may eagerly listen.

(Silent Confession)

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 575

KYRIE ELEISON



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE NO. 581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

GLORIA PATRI



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

AINSLEY GALE

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



As children come forward during the gathering hymn, you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.



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. As we celebrate the sacrament, the congregation promises to guide, nurture, and love the baptized person.



Found on page 259 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

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

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

LUKE WILLIAM BARBER

Son of Sam and Katie Barber

Brother of Olivia and Jack

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.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. GALE

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. VEAZEY

SCRIPTURE LESSON REVELATION 21:10, 22 - 22:5

SERMON AND THERE CHRIST WILL MEET YOU: IN THE STREET OF THE CITY

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith
comes from Iona Abbey
Worship Book.



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

JEANENE MUTCHLER

In the midst of hunger and war

we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

In the midst of oppression and tyranny

we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

In the midst of doubt and despair

we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

In the midst of fear and betrayal

we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

In the midst of hatred and death

we celebrate the promise of love and life.

In the midst of sin and decay

we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

In the midst of death on every side

we celebrate the promise of the living Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. GALE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

JEANENE MUTCHLER

OFFERTORY

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING

MARTIN SHAW

CHANCEL CHOIR

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.



*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures
here be - low Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more Praise Tri - une God whom we a -
dore Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JEANENE MUTCHLER

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT



*HYMN OF SENDING No. 320

WAREHAM

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. VEAZEY

POSTLUDE

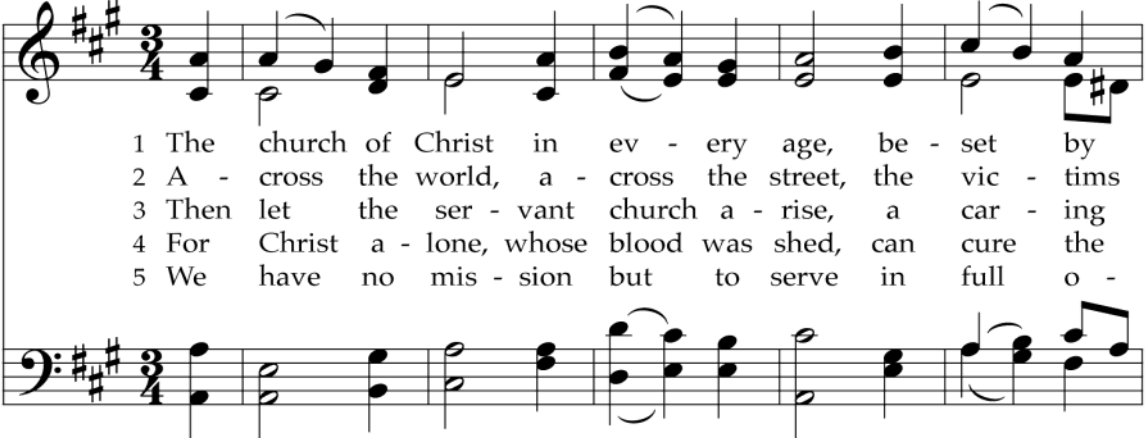
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BOELLMANN

GARY BEARD, ORGAN

Hymn No. 320: In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

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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. 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. During the sanctuary service there is a special Time with the Younger Church.



After, children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder on the third floor of the Jones building. **If you would like your child to attend Worship and Wonder, registration is required** once each semester by scanning the QR code. Parents pick-up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Connect with a Pastor after worship.

Prayer requests are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org. Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or submit them by email to communityprayer@idlewildchurch.org.

If you have a hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email pastor@idlewildchurch.org.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.

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 idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication.

The 10:00 service is live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams. 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 week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

Pick up your Summer Semester guide in the hallway after worship!

Summer Worship Schedule: From Memorial Day weekend (today) through Labor Day weekend (August 31), we will have one worship service on Sunday mornings at **10 am** in the sanctuary and online.

Adult Ministry

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30, Room 303): We will continue our journey through "The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman. Barbara Terhune will lead the discussion.

Labyrinth Walk (Saturday, June 7, 9 am - 2 pm, TK Young): The Tapestry Class is hosting another Labyrinth Walk, in conjunction with Pride Weekend. Whether or not you plan to come downtown for Pride, we invite you to stop by the TK Young room between 9 and 2 that Saturday and join us in prayer for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons in church and society.

Outreach

Room in the Inn is a hospitality oriented ministry at Idlewild for our unsheltered neighbors. The Summer Season runs from May – September. Sign up to volunteer at the link below!

Fellowship and Recreation

Mid-South Pride Parade and Festival (Saturday, June 7, Robert Church Park): Join the Presbyqueerians and Allies at the Mid-South Pride Festival and parade!

The festival is from 11 am – 5 pm (\$1 cash admission). Idlewild's tent will be set up, so bring a chair, wear your Idlewild shirt, and dress COLORFULLY!

The parade starts at 11 am. Meet at 10:30 on the route. Look for our ribbon towers!

The church van leaves Idlewild at 9:30 & 10:30 am and returns at 1 & 2 pm.

The Presbyqueerians and Allies will have a table in the hallway after church today and June 1. Stop by to get more details, ask questions, and buy a Pride shirt (\$20)!

Community and Connection at Overton Park Shell (Saturday, May 31, 7:30 pm): Grab a blanket or a lawn chair and come join us for the New Breed Brass Band, featuring Trombone Shorty! There will be food and drinks available for purchase at the Shell or you can pack a picnic. See you there!

Community and Connection at the Redbirds Game (Saturday, June 21, 6:30 pm): Come to AutoZone Park for a Memphis Redbirds baseball game, dinner, and fireworks! The price per person is \$15 and includes both admission and dinner. **Register at the link below by Friday, June 6.**

Pentecost Potluck (Sunday, June 8, after Worship): Come together to celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Church! Our Pentecost Potluck is on Sunday, June 8, immediately following worship. We will serve fried chicken, green beans, mac and cheese, and rolls. Please bring salads, other sides, and desserts to share.

Open Mahjong Play: Sign up using the link in the *This Week at Idlewild* Newsletter or at idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation.

Music Ministry

Summer Choir rehearsals are at 9:15 am Sunday mornings. You are invited to join us! Please contact Gary Beard, Interim Organist-Director of Music, 901-490-8753, for additional information.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

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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For staff phone numbers and emails visit www.idlewildchurch.org or call the church.

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