



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**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 comes
from Avery Arden and Binary-
Breaking Worship**



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PRELUDE

FANFARE
PASSACAGLIA

MICHAEL McCABE
G. YOUNG

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LINDA SCHOLL

We come, laden with doubts, fears, and resentments,
to worship the God who gives us faith, courage, and renewal.

We come, overwhelmed with remorse,
or struggling with what it means to forgive,

to worship the God who teaches us true restoration.

We come, with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow,
to worship the God who weaves our many threads into one tapestry.

We come, and the circle is drawn wide and wider still!

Not by our strength, not by our merit, but through God's grace.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 12**

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

In times of trauma and hardship,
you call us to lean on one another and on you.

**But we retreat into ourselves instead,
to wallow in our troubles alone.**

**We imagine ourselves to be burdens,
or accuse others of being dead weight.**

In a world whose resources we have poisoned,
a society divided into the haves and the have-nots,
your promise of abundance is just about impossible to believe.

**And so we fall prey to myths of scarcity and individualism
that transform friends into enemies,
comrades into competitors.**

When we deny our place in the network of your Creation,
when we reject the protests of those who thirst for justice,
when we fail to question authority,

Challenge us. Teach us. Restore us to your Way.

(Silent Confession)

***RESPONSE NO. 279** COME, HOLY, SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

ST. AGNES

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heav - en - ly Dove,
with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

REV. GALE



***RESPONSE NO. 581**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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 is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 175

SEEK YE FIRST

LAFFERTY

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.

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,
 and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

WHITNEY GETMAN

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. GALE

At this time, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. GALE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON RUTH 1:1-19

SERMON TELL ME A STORY - RUTH

SILENT REFLECTION



Found on page 241 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.



The 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

STEPHANIE RODDA

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY PRESBYQUEERIANS & ALLIES

ANNA MCCRAREY

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

STEPHANIE RODDA

OFFERTORY

DONA NOBIS PACEM

TRADITIONAL; ARR. HAL HOPSON

THE SUMMER CHOIR

Translation: Grant us peace. Amen.



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***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**

STEPHANIE RODDA

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 324**

NYLAND

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. GALE

***POSTLUDE**

CELEBRATION!

PHIL LEHENBAUER

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoth's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 E^b B^{b7} E^b Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F B^b A^b B^b E^b

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

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 today to the glory of God, and in memory of Susan Brown, from Jack Brown.

Sanctuary flowers are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. **There are several Sundays available still this summer.** We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. Contact menlow@idlewildchurch.org for more information.

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* ◆

Adult Ministry

Summer Forums (9 am Sundays - Room 303): There will be no forum on July 5. Join us again on July 12 for Women of Sacred Song with Chris Nemeec, Idlewild Director of Music Ministry and Organist.

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2 pm): Please join us in the Parlor for our weekly meetings as we discuss literature and our world. This month we're continuing our conversation around *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. Contact Stephanie Rodda (stephanierodda@gmail.com) for more information!

Dr. Catherine Meeks' Book Discussion: Join us for a two-part discussion of Catherine Meeks' newest book, *Bridging the Rivers of Difference: Finding God in Proclamation, Resistance, and Community*. This book invites us to explore how faith can help us navigate differences, confront injustice, and build authentic relationships across lines of race, culture, and experience. We will meet at 6 pm on Wednesday, July 15th and Wednesday, August 12th, so we will wrap up before Catherine's visit to Idlewild at the end of August. Virginia Evans, Sage Scott-Jamison, and Gayle Walker would love for you to join us for conversation, shared learning, and renewed hope for bridging divides in our world. Please sign up in Realm.

Tapestry (Sundays, 9 am, Resource Room): Tapestry Circle is meeting in the Resource Room this summer. Explore contemplative practices—lectio, visio, musica, and walking divina—through ancient and contemporary texts. Whether familiar or new, all are welcome to come and learn.

Youth Ministry

GSL x Idlewild Pizza & Pickleball Meet Up (Sunday, June 28, 5:30-7:30 pm): All rising 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a joint summer youth group event with Grace-St. Luke's and Idlewild! Come enjoy pizza, pickleball, and an evening of fun and friendship as we connect with youth from another congregation and keep our summer momentum going. No pickleball experience is necessary. Come ready to have a good time and bring a friend!

Church-Wide

Summer Semester Guide: Pick your Summer Semester Guide up in the hallway after church to learn all the ways you can take part in the life of Idlewild this summer! You can also download the guide at the link below.

Fellowship & Recreation

Soccer Registration is Open! Learn more and sign up at idlewildchurch.org/athletics.

Community & Connection @ Riverboat Cruise (Friday, July 17, 2 pm): Join us for a 90-minute sightseeing tour on the Mississippi River. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Adults are \$20. Kids are \$15. Family cap at \$75. Register at the link below by July 12.



Sign-ups and other relevant links can be found at 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.

