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Service for the Lord's Day  
ten o'clock

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Teach us, O God, the might and the glory of our message. Send us out to straighten the world for Thy residence. Speed us on our mission to free every soul everywhere, that Thy praise may spring unhindered wherever humanity lifts its face. In Christ's name. Amen.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Schmücke dich o liebe seele" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Clayton

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

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

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Minister: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*Psalms 67*

\* HYMN 331 - "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" .....  
NATIONAL HYMN

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison:**    **Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table that we might be fed by Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.**

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\*DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**Minister:**    Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**People:**     **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*THE PEACE**

**Minister:**    May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**People:**     **And also with you.**  
**Minister:**    Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.  
*Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long  
  
The Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**MORNING LESSON** - Acts 4:32-37  
**Minister:**    The Word of the Lord.  
**People:**     **Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN 716** - "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" .... **BEACH SPRING**

**SERMON** - ARE YOU FREE?.....Rev. Long

## The Response to the Word

\* NICENE CREED.....Rev. Clayton

**I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* The Offertory Statement

\* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – “Laudamus te”..... Antonio Vivaldi  
*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.*

We praise thee, Lord. We give blessings to thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.  
*from the Gloria of the Ordinary of the Mass*

### The Eucharist

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (*All Singing*) ..... arr. Richard Proulx

\*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the  
high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

The minister continues in prayer:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*All Singing*) ..... arr. Richard Proulx

\*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The minister continues in prayer:

AMEN (*All Singing*) ..... arr. Richard Proulx

\*A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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, for ever. Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Pie Jesu” .....Andrew Lloyd Webber  
*Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.*  
Pious Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest. Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest, everlasting rest.  
*from Pie Jesu, the ending couplet of the Dies Irae, and from the Agnus Dei from the Tridentine Requiem Mass*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## The Sending

\*HYMN 346 - "For the Healing of the Nations" ..... ST. THOMAS

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "What God Ordains is Always Good ".....Johann Pachelbel

*\*Congregation standing*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO IPC!** We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

**THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Ball Feagin, 15th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Confederate States of America, wounded at Little Round Top, Gettysburg, PA, July 2, 1863; great-grandfather of John Feagin.

**CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED TOMORROW** on Monday, July 4th, in observance of the holiday.

**WELCOME SARAH SCRUGGS:** IPC is excited to welcome Sarah Scruggs, our new Community Ministries Coordinator. You can reach out to her via phone at (205) 933-3725 or by email at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org). You can also drop by the Community Ministries office anytime during the week to talk about how you can use your gifts to serve our neighbors.

**VIRTUAL BOOK REVIEW:** Please join us for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's virtual book review on Gather at the Table by Thomas DeWolf and Sharon Morgan. The Anti-Racism Committee of the Presbytery will conduct four book review sessions via Zoom beginning Thursday, July 14, at 6 pm. The book is divided into 4 sections with a section being discussed at each meeting scheduled on July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, and Aug. 15. Visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) to register and join the Zoom meeting.

**GLEAN WITH IPC** at Pepper Place Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 16, 11am - 1pm. Sign-up online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). It's easy, fun, and a great way to help our food-insecure neighbors. Last week's IPC volunteers loaded a large pick-up truck bed full of fresh produce donated by local farmers and took it to the Firehouse Shelter where they turned it into delicious meals for their guests who are homeless.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(continued)*

**2022 YOUTH GRANT TEAM:** All interested rising juniors and seniors who attend IPC are encouraged to participate in the life of the church through the Youth Grant Team (YGT). Spots for the YGT are limited, and students will be selected based on their application (apply by July 17), level of commitment and availability, as well as their involvement in the student ministry and other ministries of IPC. Visit [ipc.usar.org/connect](http://ipc.usar.org/connect) to learn more about YGT and how to apply!

**FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES:** Help us continue refilling our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Items can be dropped off or sent via delivery service Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to let us know when you'll arrive, and we will meet you or your delivery service at the entrance. You can also give designated financial contributions which enable us to maximize our support for vulnerable families. For food and hygiene items, please pick up a pew card to see our current needs (emphasis on single bottles or powder packets of Gatorade/Powerade because it's so darn hot!). We also have an updated Amazon wishlist at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect), or for a direct web address, use <https://qrco.de/IPCwishlist>. For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at [mpatrick@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mpatrick@ipc-usa.org) or (205) 933-3709.

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### **Participants in Today's Services**

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor  
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Janet Ort, Member of the IPC Choir  
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