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Service for the Lord's Day

eleven o'clock

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Youth Sunday

The Gathering for Worship

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE - "Piano Sonata in C minor, XVI:20 (I. Moderato)"
Joseph Haydn

Lindsay Whatley, *Piano*

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Hugh Cowart

Leader: People of God—listen to the trumpet's call!

People: We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.

Leader: Children of God—listen to the voice of your Creator!

People: We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.

Leader: Beloved of God—listen to the good news!

People: The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 401 - "Here in This Place (Gather Us In)"GATHER US IN

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.
Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; ghat - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty; gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Sarah Beth Cowart

Unison: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

ANTHEM - "Behold, I Have Loved You"Robin Wolaver
Ryan Scholl, *Soloist*
Hattie Donovan, *Flute*
Behold, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Behold, I have drawn you
with my loving kindness. I have loved you with an everlasting love.
Robin Wolaver

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Norah Roller

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 6:1-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....Eleanor Roth,
James Spencer, Clark Smith, and Sally Bussian

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED.....Charlotte Walthall

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Spencer Cobbs
*Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time
when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to
cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking here, by mail, or through
the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.*

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthems –

"River Medley: Deep River & Peace Like a River"
arr. Jeff McLelland

Hattie Donovan, *Flute*

"Prelude, Op. 43, No. 1" Reinhold Glière
Kendall Whatley, *Piano*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....

Hattie Donovan

**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.**

The Sending

*HYMN 157 - "I Dance in the Morning"LORD OF THE DANCE

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The
 4 I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black. It's
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 they would not dance and they would not fol-low me. I
 ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame. They
 hard to dance with the dev-il on your back. They
 I am the life that will nev-er, nev-er die. I'll

came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John. They
 whipped and the stripped and they hung me high, and
 bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone, but
 live in you if you'll live in me,

Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
 came with me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-ev-er you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Finale in D minor" Eric Thiman

*Congregation standing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please contact us for more information: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or spulliam@ipc-usa.org and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH PARENTS

for their leadership and support today in our worship services. For morning worship, our appreciation goes to Sally Bussian, 12th grade (Anne and Jim Bussian); Ivy Cobbs, 11th grade, and Spencer Cobbs, 8th grade (Margaret and Archie Cobbs); Hugh Cowart, 12th Grade, and Sarah Beth Cowart, 10th grade (Lydia and Ernie Cowart); Hattie Donovan, 11th grade (Anna Kate and Robert Donovan); Norah Roller, 10th grade (Kay and Paul Roller); Eleanor Roth, 12th grade (Kathleen and David Roth); Ryan Scholl, 10th grade (Kara and Marc Scholl); Clark Smith, 12th grade (Dorothy and Jodie Smith); James Spencer, 12th grade (Ivy and Tom Spencer); Charlotte Walthall, 10th grade (Ann and Kennon Walthall); and Kendall Whatley, 12th grade, and Lindsay Whatley, 12th Grade (Margery and Terry Whatley).

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Ginna Lowry. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas S. O'Rorke, Captain, United States Marine Corps; brother of Lynne O'Rorke Simmons.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on February 7, 2021, of Spencer Dale Maddox, Jr. ("JR"), son of Priscilla and Spencer Maddox.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on February 8, 2021, of Rosemary Iris Moody, daughter of Sarah and Matt Moody, sister of Willow Moody.

IPC BOY SCOUT TROOP 28's OPEN HOUSE is Monday, March 15, at 6:30 pm. Troop 28 invites IPC friends and families with 11-year-olds or Cub Scouts to learn about joining the oldest Boy Scout Troop in the District (no Scouting experience is necessary). Come learn more about our Troop during their regular meeting in Highland Hall Garage and Patio Mondays at 6:30 pm and enjoy some Scout-prepared treats! This is a great opportunity for prospective Scouts and their families to meet the guys, ask questions, and have some fun! For more information, please contact Kendall Holman at kendallholman@bellsouth.net or Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON of Lent and Easter at IPC. Visit ipc-usa.org to find virtual and in-person opportunities to worship more fully during Holy Week including: Palm Sunday, March 28, at 11 am and 5 pm; Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm; Good Friday, April 2, at noon; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. All services are available in-person; reservations are required. The 5 pm services are held in Highland Hall and all others in the sanctuary. Livestream is available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and all 11 am services. To find our services via livestream, search @IPCBirmingham on YouTube and Facebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND BTMP is now open for members. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held May 17-20 in the Day School classrooms for ages: 2s, 3s, 4s, and 5s. Bibletimes Marketplace (BTMP) will be held June 7-11 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for children who have completed K5-5th grade. Completed 6-12th graders are eligible to be Tribal Assistants. Registration forms are available at ipc-usa.org > connect.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We invite friends and families to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at Highland Hall from 9 -11 am. Make a reservation at ipc-usa.org/connect to enjoy a fun morning of egg hunts, Atrium work, Bunny Brunch, and Easter Bunny photos.

OBSERVE THE SEDER TRADITION from home this year using IPC's Seder Kit. The Passover meal, or Seder, is one of the most important celebrations in the Jewish faith. Join us as we explore what this traditional celebration means to our Christianity. Reserve dinner and/or a kit to pick up curbside at ipc-usa.org/connect.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Rupert Bodden.

FELIX YARBORO COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUND: In memory of Felix C. Yarboro.

IPC: In memory of William Richard Demaray, Judy Sasse Haise, Charles Mixson Miller, David Rosser Nelson, and Donna Klinner Talbot.

IPC DAY SCHOOL: In honor of Alexa Brooklynn Lane, Barron Lane, Harrison Lane, and Dottie Lane.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; and Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr., and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Helen Bolvig and Kathryn Brown.

Participants in Today's Services

Members of the IPC Youth Group

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Acolytes: David Blackburn Dixon, James Franklin Dixon IV

Usher: Ivy Elizabeth Cobbs

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor

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