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**Service for the Lord's Day**

eleven o'clock

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Lord, we turn our faces toward Thee in grief and penitence for our sin. As a people we have forgotten, as a church we have been disobedient to the heavenly vision, as individuals we have followed afar off. Forgive, we pray, in Jesus' name. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Sarabande" .....Craig Phillips  
*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.....Dr. Goyer

\* SILENT PROCESSION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Seamon

Minister: When we look at your heavens, the work of your hands the moon, and the stars and the sun that you have established:

**People: What are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?**

Minister: Therefore, let us worship the Lord. *Psalm 8:3-4*

\*HYMN 35 - "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" .....LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:** Merciful God, in Christ you make all things whole. Transform the ground of our nature by the illumination of your grace. Then, through the renewal of our lives, empower us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,  
 Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 5:13-16, 6:1-4

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON - TWO CHEERS FOR ENTHUSIASM ..... Dr. Goyer

## The Response to the Word

\* NICENE CREED (*In unison*).....Rev. Seamon  
**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

*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 Anthem – “Great Lord God!”....George Frideric Handel  
Great Lord God! Thy kingdom shall endure forevermore. Lord God! Thy kingdom shall endure forevermore.

## The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Clayton

### 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 (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

10 po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na

18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the

25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The minister continues in prayer:*

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)



Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

*The minister continues in prayer:*

### AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)



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

#### AGNUS DEI (from *The Independent Service*)



Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. Lamb of God who takes a -

way - the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the

world, grant us peace.

“A Song of Christ's Goodness” .....Thomas Lee  
Janet Ort, *Soprano*

My Christ, my Christ, my shield, my encircler, Each day, each night, each light,  
each dark, Be near me, uphold me, my treasure, my triumph! My Christ, my  
Christ, my shield, my encircler. Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to  
you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Often you weep over  
our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment. You  
comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, in sickness you nurse us and with  
pure milk you feed us. Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; by your  
anguish and labor we come forth in joy. Despair turns to hope through your  
sweet goodness; through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear. Your warmth  
gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your  
mercy, heal us; in your love and tenderness, remake us. In your compassion,  
bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

*Anselm of Canterbury, Antiphon from an anonymous Celtic prayer*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### The Sending

\*HYMN 515 - "I Come with Joy" ..... DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, \_\_\_\_\_ the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, \_\_\_\_\_ the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends, \_\_\_\_\_ The love that made us, makes us one, and  
done, \_\_\_\_\_ we'll go with joy, \_\_\_\_\_ to give the world the



love laid down for me, \_\_\_\_\_ in love laid down for me. \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ's com - mu - ion bread, \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's com - mu - nion bread. \_\_\_\_\_  
strang - ers now are friends, \_\_\_\_\_ and strang - ers now are friends. \_\_\_\_\_  
love that makes us one, \_\_\_\_\_ the love that makes us one. \_\_\_\_\_

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "What Wondrous Love is This" .....Samuel Barber

\**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](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org) and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or [cshaw@ipc-usa.org](mailto:cshaw@ipc-usa.org).

THE FLOWERS in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rosamund Glover Riley. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lee Walthall, Captain, U.S. Army, stateside service, Vietnam War; father of Kennon Walthall; grandfather of Catherine, Vann, Helen, and Charlotte Walthall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

MAKE A DONATION TO THE EASTER LILY MEMORIAL FUND to honor the memory of your loved ones. Your contribution provides fresh flowers in the Sanctuary and Highland Hall for Easter services, and the names of your loved ones will be printed in the Easter worship bulletin. Due to COVID-19, our suppliers cannot source potted lilies so they will not be available this year. To ensure the names of loved ones are included in the bulletin, please submit your online contribution by March 10 at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect.

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 get more information 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 meet the guys, ask questions, and have some fun! For more information, please contact Kendall Holman at [kendallholman@bellsouth.net](mailto:kendallholman@bellsouth.net) or Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org).

ON EASTER SUNDAY celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Worship with us Sunday, April 4, in person at 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am in the sanctuary; at 5 pm in Highland Hall; or via livestream at 11 am on YouTube and Facebook. To attend in person, please make a reservation and review our safety protocols online at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > worship. Currently, our sanctuary is open to 100 participants and Highland Hall is open to 75 participants. As we approach capacity for the Easter services, the Re-Opening Task Force continues to monitor data to determine if additional seating can be opened at a later date. Please watch for additional information.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Helen N. Bolvig. (*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.

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries  
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir  
Acolyte: Ivy Elizabeth Cobbs

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