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Service for the Lord's Day

eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY

Holy Communion
The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Thank you very, very much; my God, thank you. Give me food today, food for my sustenance every day. Thank you very, very much.

Samburu, Kenya

PRELUDE - "My Heart Abounds with Pleasure"Johannes Brahms
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..... Rev. Lays

INTROIT - "Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us"George Thalben-Ball
Thou, O Lord, O Lord, art in the midst of us and we are called by thy name.

*HYMN 409 - "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(8:45) Charlotte Walthall, (11:00) Callie Dukes

Minister: O Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before God, all the earth.

Minister: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

All: The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

Minister: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice.

All: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with truth.

Minister: Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

from Psalm 96

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....(8:45) Bebe Holloway
(11:00) Charlotte Walthall

Unison: Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. We cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division. By silence and ill-considered words, we have built up walls of prejudice. We confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy, we have stifled generosity and left little time for others. Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us to listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come fill this moment and free us from our sin. Amen.

from the Cathedral of Saint George, Cape Town, South Africa

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 PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:
 As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for
 ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. NT118)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 1 - "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA
(The choir will sing stanza 2 in Spanish.)

During the singing of this hymn, children, kindergarten and younger, may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

SERMON - DON'T STAY HOME!..... Rev. Lays

The Response to the Word

*NICENE CREED (*In unison*).....Dr. Carl

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 – "Wana Baraka"Kenyan Folk Song
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Wana baraka wale waombao; Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluia! Wana amani.
Wani furaha. Wana uzima.

They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia! They have peace. They have joy. They have well-being.

Traditional Kenyan

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 (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

"When the Poor Ones"..... EL CAMINO
(The lyrics to this anthem may be found under Hymn 762 in the hymnal.)

"Salmo 150" (Psalm 150).....Ernani Aguiar
Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius. Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis eius. Laudate eum in virtutibus eius. Laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis eius. Laudate eum in sono tubae. Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara. Laudate eum in timpano et choro. Laudate eum in chordis et organo. Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus. Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis. Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Praise the Lord in his sacred places, praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his might acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the psaltery and the harp. Praise him with the timbrel and the dance, praise him with cymbals of joy. Praise him with high-sounding cymbals, praise him with cymbals of joy. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (translation of sung Latin)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 317 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"MC KEE

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* POSTLUDE - "The Emperor's Fanfare" Antonio Soler

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S VISITORS! We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information on the Worship Register. We hope you will visit the Welcome Table in the Parlor after the service, where our Welcome Team is eager to meet you over refreshments and share more information about life at IPC and church membership. Contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or **cshaw@ipc-usa.org**.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all past and present military personnel.

2020 MISSION TRIP APPLICATIONS will be available in the parlor between services! Come by our Global Mission table to speak with this year's mission trip participants about their experiences, learn more about next year's opportunities, and take an application home if you're interested! For more information, contact Brian Lays at blays@ipc-usa.org or Susan Clayton at sclayton@ipc-usa.org.

A SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE for all ages continues this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Highland Hall. Rev. Brian Lays will be preaching. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Nursery care will be available.

WELCOME REV. DR. KATHARINE RHODES HENDERSON, Auburn Seminary President, to IPC on Sunday, October 13, as our guest preacher and Barbara Noojin Walthall Lecturer. She will be the guest preacher for both morning services, delivering a sermon entitled, "Cacophony and Polyphony." Henderson will lead a discussion on "Postcards from the Future: Embodying Jesus for Such a Time as This" in Highland Hall at 10 a.m. Henderson is the author, internationally-known speaker and co-founder of Face to Face | Faith to Faith- a multifaith program educating young leaders to become peacemakers.

NEW MEMBERS: We receive new members on the second Sunday of each month. On October 13, please join us for a small ceremony at 10 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, please contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3694.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

ALL ARE INVITED TO A CHORAL VESPERS SERVICE on Sunday, October 13, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. During the course of the service, all three choirs will sing the choral work *Benedicite* by Andrew Carter. This work was inspired by the new *Benedicite* carvings in the restored south transept vault of York Minster. The text thanks God for all things: all the works of the Lord, green things, the sun and moon, badgers and hedgehogs (and many other animals!), ice and snow, whales and waters, butterflies and moths, thunder and lightning, spirits and souls, and even grannies and grandads! Childcare will be available in Highland Hall.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

ALYSON L. BUTTS FUND: In memory of Caitlin Brewer Bowles.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUND: In memory of Robert Barrett.

COULTER FAMILY GIFT FUND: In memory of Cynthia Gilchrist Coulter.

IPC SPECIAL GIFTS: In memory of Robert Poe Bauman; Earl C. Bloom, Jr.; Caitlin Brewer Bowles; David Mims Bryant; and Helen Southworth Kimbrough Clarke.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Marjorie T. "Margie" Barger and Mr. William F. Edmonds.

MUSIC FUND: In memory of Cynthia Gilchrist Coulter.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. William J. Carl III, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brian Lays, Associate Pastor, Congregational Ministries

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

Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (8:45 a.m.) Ernest Hugh Cowart, Sarah Elizabeth Cowart,
William Douglas Preston

(11:00 a.m.) Alexandra Carolyn Fraser, Madeline Frances Fraser,
Hardwick Parks Walthall

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