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Service for the Lord's Day

eleven o'clock

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O great God, we praise Thee for Thy promises, so manifold, so rich, and so true. Thou art a covenant-keeping God. Thou performest all Thy vows. Thou hast never forgotten or forsaken or made ashamed any who put their trust in Thee.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)" Jean Langlais
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.

GREETING Dr. Goyer

Minister: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord.

Isaiah 9:2

*HYMN 337 - "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Rev. Seamon

Unison: **O God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Forgive our self-centeredness. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose so that no selfish passion may hinder us from serving others, no weakness may keep us from doing your will, that in your light we may see clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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._____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,' with notes and rests corresponding to the words. The second staff continues the melody with 'Lord_____ have mer - cy up - on us._____', where the underscores indicate a longer note value for 'Lord' and '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 image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/8 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:—' with a triplet of eighth notes for 'Ho - ly'. The second staff continues with 'As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for'. The third staff concludes with 'ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.' and includes a final double bar line.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 5:14-16

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 516 - "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"KINGDOM

SERMON - WHAT IPC VALUES 2."A CITY SET ON A HILL"

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

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – “Priez pour paix” Francis Poulenc
*Priez pour paix Douce Vierge Marie Reyne des cieulx et du monde maîtresse
Faictes prier par vostre courtoisie Saints et Saintes et prenez vostre adresse Vers
vostre Fils Requerant sa haultesse Qu'il Lui plaise son peuple regarder Que
de son sang a voulu racheter En deboutant guerre qui tout desvoye De prières
ne vous Veuillez lasser Priez pour paix Priez pour paix Le vray trésor de joye.*
Pray for peace, sweet Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and mistress of the world.
In your courtesy, have the saints pray too, and address your Son, begging His
Highness to deign to look on His people, whom He redeemed with His blood,
and to banish war which destroys all. Do not weary of our prayers. Pray for
peace, pray for peace, the true treasure of joy. *Charles d'Orléans*

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together”arr. Richard Walters
Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me. *African American spiritual*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 340 - "This Is My Song"FINLANDIA

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Eternal Father Strong to Save"arr. Charles Callahan

*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.

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.

UPCOMING IPC CONNECT EVENTS: You are invited to join IPC Connect on Thursday, July 15, to see the Birmingham Barons take on the Rocket City Trash Pandas at Regions Field. We will be seated together just behind the Baron's dugout to enjoy the game. Then on Sunday, August 1, join IPC friends for a relaxing afternoon at the Alabama Theater to see *The Sound of Music*. We will have lunch in the Great Hall following the 11 am worship service and then board the IPC bus to head for the show. Find more details and purchase tickets at ipc-usa.org/connect.

IPC FOUNDATION'S Summer Lunch & Learn Series continues in July. Invite a friend and join us each month to learn about various local organizations that are improving lives in our area. On Thursday, July 15, we will hear from Community on the Rise Executive Director Avery Rhodes in the Great Hall from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Lunch is \$10, and you can pay at the door or online. Please make a reservation or find the full calendar online at ipc-usa.org/connect.

FAREWELL TO DR. GOYER ON JULY 18: Dr. Steve Goyer will preach his last sermon on Sunday, July 18, officially ending his interim ministry at IPC. During morning worship, he will conclude the "What IPC Values" sermon series at the 8:45 am and 11 am services. Join us that evening for dinner, celebration, and conversation with Dr. Goyer as he guides the final discussion of the "I've been meaning to ask" series during the Table worship service.

SIGN UP TO HELP IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES provide extra support for our vulnerable, food insecure, and temporarily unhoused neighbors in July. Help feed our neighbors by providing sack lunches to drop off at Highlands United Methodist Church on the following Tuesdays: July 6, 13, 20, and 27. Lunches are typically made at home and include a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, small bottle of water or juice box, dessert, and peanut butter or cheese crackers as a snack for later. Learn more and sign up to serve at ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: This Fall, rising 9th and 10th graders are encouraged to participate in Confirmation. Classes start on August 15 and end on November 14th. If your youth is interested in Confirmation, please contact Lea Anne at lhady@ipc-usa.org for registration or more information.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC CHOIR FUND: In memory of Roger Lewis.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (Chapel Fund) In memory of Mrs. Margurite W. Hagood. (Horizon Fund) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. (Life Care Fund) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

ORGAN MAINTENANCE FUND: In honor of Dan Hardwick's 80th birthday.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir
Mr. Nick Mathes, Tenor
Acolyte: Oliver Lyons

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